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Farewell, 2002

Looking back at the year's top stories in Andover

By *Andover Townsman* staff

2002 IS ENDING ABOUT THE SAME WAY it began – with everyone's eyes on their pocketbooks.

As the year ends, however, the glare from taxpayers is more intense than even 12 months ago. This focus on town spending will lead to changes in 2003.

Following the defeat of a Proposition 2½ general override for school operating expenses in 2002, officials believe they'll need layoffs and program cuts in 2003 to stay within their more than $100 million budget.

While the town plans to continue its major construction projects – and seek an expansion of its water-treatment plant – selectmen have scaled back the number of other projects they'll pursue. They'll also make it harder for voters to approve new projects in 2003 by requiring both a Town Meeting and ballot-box vote for any significant job.

Taxes and spending were not the only topics if interest in 2002, of course.

Here are some of the most significant stories of 2002.

YEAR IN REVIEW

WINTER 2002

Youth center

Building a youth center in Andover became a real possibility on Jan. 18 when the town and a private group, the Andover Youth Foundation, entered into an agreement to do so. The town donated land to AYF, and AYF agreed to raise the money needed and to build a youth center. Once the center is built, the center and the land will be given back to the town. The plan will avoid the red tape that comes with a publicly built and financed

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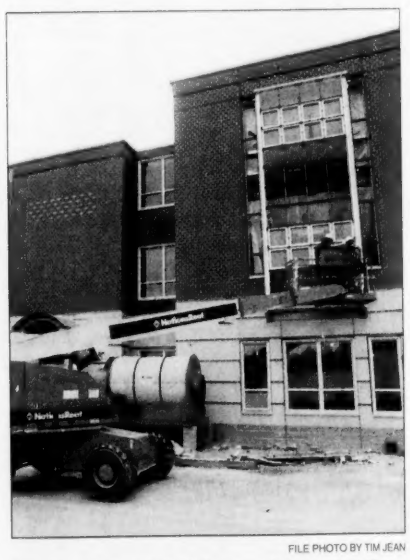

FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

After a summer full of dire warnings, what-if's and talk of contingency plans, the new High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools opened in time for the new school year. Above, workers install glass in the middle-school section of the construction project back in May.

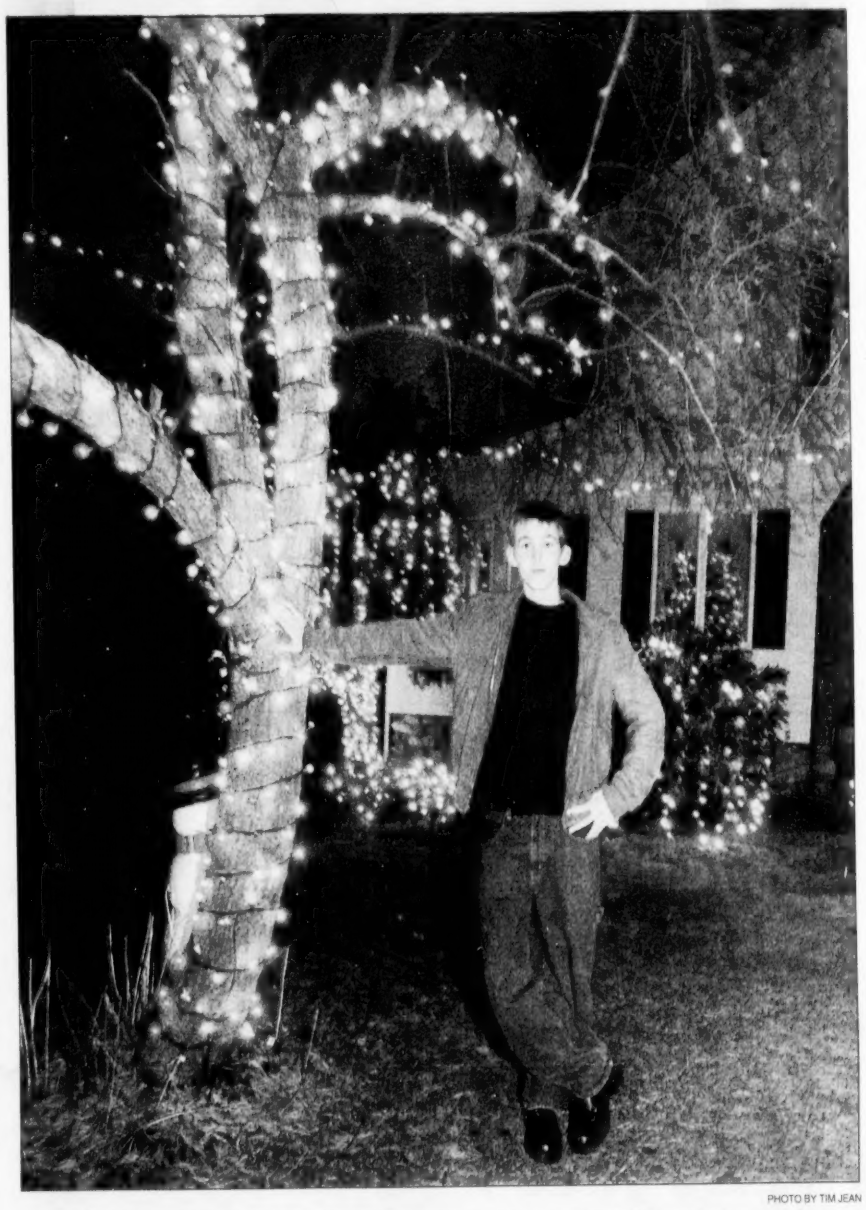

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Lots of lights – Ryan Durkin of 163 Shawsheen Road, a junior at Andover High and a key member of the track team, is following in his late father's footsteps by decorating the family home with thousands of lights.

Teen's holiday light display a tribute to his late father

High voltage display on Shawsheen Road slows down cars

By Judy Wakefield

SHOWSTOPPER is the perhaps the best way to describe the holiday decorating at 163 Shawsheen Road. It's got to be high caliber, high voltage to get drivers to slow down on this busy road – and this house is wearing out brake lights. Drivers have been slowing down for the past couple of weeks to take notice of the house, located a short distance from Andover High and West Middle schools, but on the other side of the road.

And, like a popular Christmas carol, the story behind the decorating is sure to keep hearts all aglow around town this holiday season. The impressive light display is a teenager's heartfelt tribute to his late father.

Ryan Durkin was just 5 when his father, Walter Durkin, died of cancer in 1992. He left behind his wife, Nancy, and three children. In addition to Ryan, there was Lindsay, who was just 7 and Brad, who was 4.

Mr. Durkin always enjoyed holiday decorations around his house and the family has wonderful memories of his taste for lots of lights.

Now 16, Ryan said he took over the decorating duties about five years ago in memory of his father as he was looking to carry on an important legacy.

"Over the years, I would put out a lot of lights and remind the kids how much daddy liked that," said Nancy Durkin. "When Ryan got old enough, he started doing it. He doesn't talk much about it, but I think he just wanted to do this."

So, all by himself, he lugs thousands of lights out of the attic just before Thanksgiving and begins the laborious task of outlining the house, along with numerous shrubs,

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COMBATING TERRORISM

Town is ready for smallpox vaccine

By Ben Hellman

A state plan to immunize Massachusetts hospital workers and fire and police departments will probably go into effect in January, says Andover Health Director Everett Penney.

"Our role will be in accordance with whatever the state decides," said Penney. Penney says that no one has specifics about the plan yet, but Andover's Health Department is thinking about buildings where immunizations could be administered.

"Our role will be in accordance with whatever the state decides."

ANDOVER HEALTH DIRECTOR EVERETT PENNEY

Any action on smallpox plans await the implementation of the Homeland Security Act on Jan. 15.

Penney said that more concrete plans will probably be discussed in the weeks leading up to the 15th, but action will await the federal government authorizing the use of the smallpox vaccines.

Smallpox is no longer a naturally occurring virus. Penney estimates that there has not been a smallpox case in 30 years.

A vaccination involves multiple pricking with a two-pronged needle containing live virus. The infected area develops a boil and then scabs over. Side effects are rare but can be lethal.

Some federal officials are concerned that terrorists or a rogue nation could infect major US metropolitan areas in a biological attack.

Last week, just before going to Camp David for five days, President George W. Bush was vaccinated for smallpox, saying it was only fair he get it if he expected those involved in the nation's defense to be vaccinated.

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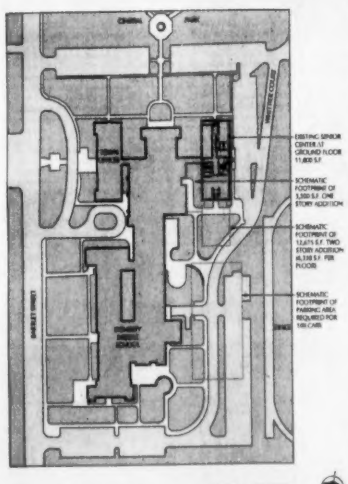
SENIOR CENTER TASK FORCE

Selectmen ponder funding for design



Expansion proposal.

By Ben Hellman

The senior center will remain at its present location at Whittier Court, if the Senior Center Task Force's recommendation is accepted by selectmen in January.

Getting $290,000 at Town Meeting for design plans may be a larger hurdle for seniors.

Selectman John Hess said that the selectmen have not formally discussed the matter, but he saw no reason why they would decide differently.

"They (task force members) were very thoughtful in their process," said Hess. "The bigger issue is where we're going to get the money for it," he said.

Hess says it is also important avoid disturbing the center's residential neighbors on Whittier Court when it comes to rearranging the center's parking lot.

"This is a community issue. It's not just seniors who are affected."

MARLIES ZAMMUTO, SENIOR CENTER TASK FORCE CO-CHAIRWOMAN

"This is a community issue. It's not just seniors who are affected," said Senior Center task force co-chairwoman, Marlies Zammuto.

Zammuto is referring to seniors who live with their families but spend time at the center and seniors who remain independent with the help of the center.

Two new additions would bring the 11,000-square-foot center to 27,175 square feet.

Zammuto says that the added space is needed to support current senior center programing.

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Coming *this week in the* **Sunday Eagle-Tribune**

- **In News.** Meet a mother who took a child's death and used it to push for stricter driving laws to protect others.
- **In Entertainment.** First nights from Boston to Beverly — what there is to do and how local entertainers contribute to the festivities.
- **In Sports.** Full coverage of the intracity showdown between Central Catholic and Lawrence in the championship game of the Greater Lawrence Christmas Basketball Tourney.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

AYF dream becoming real… Crisis in Catholic Church…

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project.

Volunteers have raised more than half of the more than $4 million needed, with the bulk of the cash coming from a $1.5 million donation from developer Yvon Cormier.

Update: AYF is continuing to slowly raise funds with different programs. Next up is a four-day telethon at the end of January. AYF hopes to begin construction this coming year.

Did you know?: The youth center must be named after developer Yvon Cormier because of his $1.5 million donation – but for a limited time only. After 40 years, the town can call the building whatever it wants, according to the contract signed by the town and Andover Youth Foundation. There are several other contract clauses referring to the name of the center. For instance, if the building is moved or used for something other than a youth center, the town would no longer have to name it after the developer.

FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The site for the new youth center was tested for contaminants, but came up clean after $20,000 worth of testing.

Priest sex-abuse scandal

The Catholic sexual abuse scandal hit home in Andover in March when St. Augustine Church hosted a forum to discuss the clergy controversy. What turned into a lengthy exchange of views was the first public acknowledgement of the scandal by Andover parish priests. The group of almost 100 people spoke about their feelings regarding the scandal. It even took a vote that Cardinal Bernard Law, the head of the Boston Archdiocese accused of protecting priests who allegedly abused children, should resign. Affiliates of Voice of the Faithful, an international lay group committed to changing the Church, were founded at St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Augustine churches.

Update: Andover priests and residents played a role in the final push that seemed to result in the accepted resignation of Law.

Did you know?: Five of 58 priests who signed a letter urging Law to resign were from Andover?

Other stories from winter 2002

Williams Hall (*at right*), the Phillips Academy dormitory some seniors wanted to turn into the town's next senior center was torn down on Jan. 14 after a private seniors group proved unable to raise the money needed for their plan. Seniors responding to a survey in December 2002 would favor expanding their current center… Phillips Academy formed a committee to consider what to do with the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archeology, located at the corner of Phillips and Main streets… Andover High grad Michael Chiklis saw his new, gritty police drama make cable TV history. The first episode of his highly promoted show *The Shield* on FX was the most watched cable-station premiere ever. Chiklis would receive even better news when Emmy winners were announced months later… Andover High School mourned the loss of Alex Miliotis, while the nation mourned the passing of resident Josh Miner, who created the Outward Bound program in America… Most town politicos figured Peggy Kruse, a dedicated parent active in many town and school groups, was a lock to win a School Committee seat. But candidate Christopher Smith, a relative newcomer to Andover, told voters he was against a tax override for school expenses. That stance proved to be all he needed – surprising some people, including Smith. Because of a prescheduled appointment, Smith wasn't even in town the day he won the election…

FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

When seniors were unable to raise the money to buy Will Hall to use as a new center, Phillips Academy had the building razed.

Josh Miner

Alex Miliotis

YEAR IN REVIEW

SPRING 2002

Youth-center site tested

The land in West Andover where Andover Youth Foundation is building its youth center was tested for contamination (*top left photo*), as there is an uncapped landfill next door. The test cost AYF about $20,000 and involved drilling borings into the ground of the 27,000 square-foot center in West Andover, behind the fire station. Officials were concerned that dangerous contaminants leaked into the ground from that uncapped landfill.

Update: The site came up clean. There was no hazardous waste in the soil. As a result of the test, the contract between the Andover Youth Foundation and the town continued. Construction is set to begin in May 2003 and is expected to take about 18 months.

Eye on snow-removal, water costs

A closer look at the town budget by the *Townsman* in April showed snow removal costs are above average and very costly. The Department of Public Works budget request climbed to more than $10 million for next year, compared to its $6.7 million budget 10 years ago. Plowing alone costs the town $1.1 million. The winter of 2002 brought little snow and the town saved $300,000 of that $1.1 million. But other towns, such as Methuen, spent much less on plowing. Methuen's plowing bill for the entire winter was $300,000.

In addition, the town's policy of selling water to other towns is getting a closer look. There is money to be made in this area and that is why it is getting a closer look. Currently, the town sells water to North Reading for the same price it charges Andover residents – $2.52 per cubic foot of water. Officials said Andover makes an 88-percent profit on water it sells to

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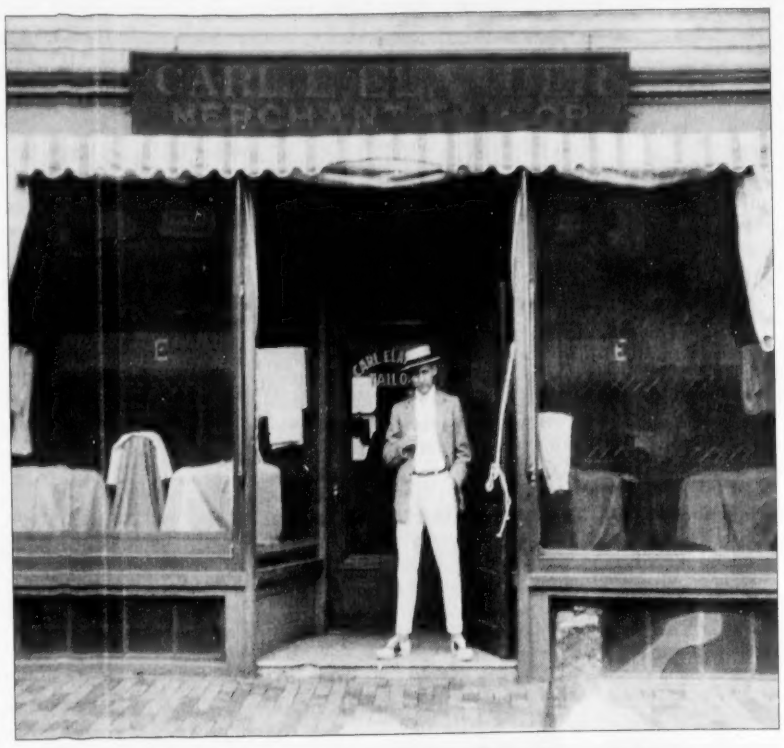

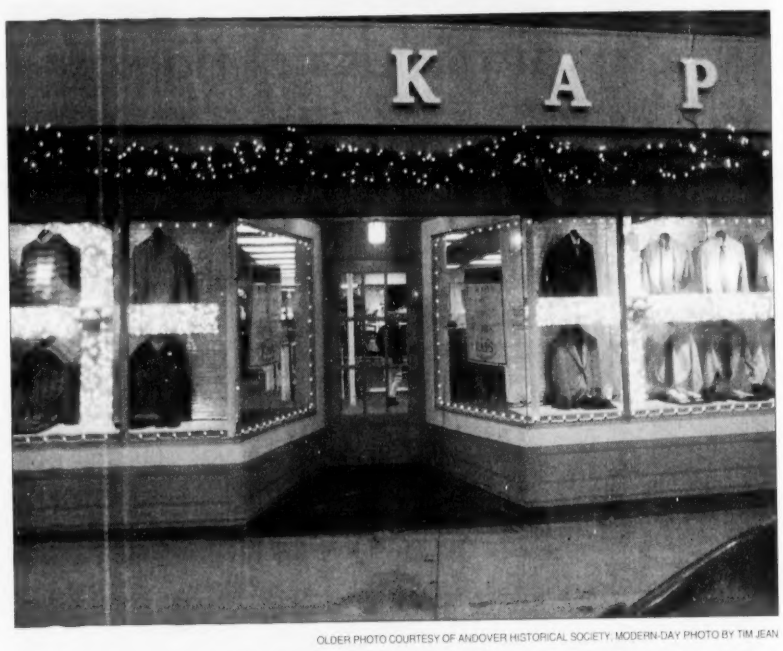

OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The top photo shows Elander's Men's Shop, established in 1916, at 7 Main St., one of the store's three Main Street locations during the 50-year run the business enjoyed. The bottom photo shows the current business, KAPS, which moved in when Elander's successor at the location, Macartney's Clothing, went out of business 10 years ago next month, after 39 years of doing business in Andover.

United We Stand plates now available in RMV branches

United We Stand plates are now available in Registry of Motor Vehicles branches statewide, with early indications that they will be among the Registry's most popular specialty plates.

The plates, which feature a US flag in the background and the letter US followed by four numbers, cost $40, with proceeds benefiting the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund, which aids local families of victims, local police and fire departments, and the US Department of Justice's Rewards for Justice Program.

"Hundreds of motorists have already requested this plate, and now that it's available in the branches, we expect to see thousands on the roads," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Kimberly Hinden. "This may be the most popular specialty plate in the Registry's history.

Other specialty plates, such as the Right Whale or Cape Cod & Islands plates, raise more than $1 million a year for their charities. On initial orders of the United We Stand plates, $12 of the $40 special plate fee will cover the cost of manufacture, while $28 will be distributed to the charities. The Massachusetts 9/11 Fund receives 50 percent, while local police and fire departments get 25 percent in the form of grants for enhancing emergency response. The U.S. Department of Justices Rewards for Justice Program also receives 25 percent of the proceeds. On renewal, the entire $40 special plate fee is distributed to the charities.

Customers interested in obtaining the plates can order online at www.mass.gov/rmv. They can also head to one of the Registry's 38 branches across the state. Those who wish to swap their current plates for United We Stand plates should bring an RMV-3 form certified by their insurance agent. There is a $20 swap fee, in addition to the special plate fee. Customers who wish to put United We Stand plates on a newly acquired vehicle must bring an RMV-1 form that has been certified by their insurance agent. These customers must pay necessary registration and titling fees, as well as sales tax.

Quote, unquote in 2002. . .

NO ONE'S CLOSED US in the vault yet.

– Tony Sofia speaking of his volunteer work with his wife, Arlene, in the Andover town vault for permanent records, Townsman, July 3, 2002.

NOT AN OPTION. I wouldn't even consider it.

– Public Works Director Jack Petkus on cutting back the amount of plowing the town does to save money, Townsman, April 11, 2002.

IT'S KIND OF VIOLENT AND EMOTIONAL and yet it's just watermelon.

—Andover artist Ronalee Crocker, talking about her still life painting, Townsman, Dec. 5, 2002

News Calendar

Monday, Jan. 6

Board of Health, Town Offices, second floor, 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Finance Committee, sub committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 a.m.

School Commmittee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Spring Grove Cemetery, Town Offices, plant & facilities conference room, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 9

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, assessor's conference room, 9 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 13

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Budget forum, West Middle School Media Center, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

Finance Committee, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Main Street Committee, Town Offices, first floor, 7:30 p.m.

Early deadline for *Townsman* again next week

The *Townsman* will have an early deadline again next week because of the New Year's Day holiday. Arts, entertainment, business and school-news releases are due Friday at noon. News releases are due Friday by 5 p.m.

The *Townsman* offices will be closed Jan. 1.

Memorial Hall Library has schedule changes due to holidays

In observance of the holidays this season, Memorial Hall Library will operate with changes in its schedule. The library will be:

• closed on Wednesday Dec. 25, Saturday Dec. 28, Sunday Dec. 29, and Wednesday Jan. 1; and

• open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Otherwise, the library is expected to be open during its usual hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m to 9 p.m.; Fridays 9 a.m to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m to 5:30 p.m.

Parker's artwork graces our greetings

The *Townsman's* holiday greeting illustration (Page 19) is by nationally recognized illustrator and folk artist, Ed Parker of Andover.

Parker's illustrations have appeared in *Country Home Magazine, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe* and other publications. He has also illustrated numerous book covers, package designs and limited edition prints.

His illustrations have won numerous awards and have been shown at the Museum of American Illustration in New York City and at The Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass.

Currently his folk art paintings and sculptures are shown at The Cavalier Gallery in Nantucket, The Marine Arts Gallery in Fairfield, Conn., and Gallery One in Mentor, Ohio.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday, Dec. 19 – At 3:42 p.m., Raul Rivera, 20, of 20 Knox St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

Saturday, Dec. 21 – At 7:51 p.m., a woman reported her father was intoxicated and fighting with her mother. George Lewis, 58, of 5 Bayberry Lane, was arrested and charged with assault and battery of a household member.

Sunday, Dec. 22 – At 10:47 a.m., Trina Moser, 33, of 98 1/2 Main St., was arrested and charged with larceny by check, under $25.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 18 – At 9:31 a.m., B&M railroad police recovered a vehicle on Andover Street in Lawrence that was stolen from Andover. The owner was notified.

At 11:47 a.m., an Andover High School student requested an officer come to his house after he was suspended for three days because of writings in his journal that school officials found inappropriate. The student disagreed that they were inappropriate and an officer advised his parents of the student's options.

At 3:56 p.m., a Chestnut Street resident reported a woman was walking up and down the street who appeared to be disoriented and was screaming at nothing. Officer found that she was rational and was going shopping. Her doctor was contacted.

At 4:06 p.m., a caller reported that people were trying to sell stereo equipment from a dark green van on North Main Street.

At 5:19 p.m. a resident on Chestnut Street reported having trouble with her daughter.

At 8:04 p.m., officers requested an ambulance for a disturbed woman on Chestnut Street.

Thursday, Dec. 19 – At 12:08 a.m., an officer transported a black female, who was hitchhiking in front of Kaps, from Main Street to the North Reading line.

At 4:26 a.m., the manager of a Dunkin Donuts requested an officer concerning a problem she had with a community newspaper person in front of the store.

At 6:47 a.m., a Raytheon employee requested an ambulance for a woman who received an electrical shock.

Friday, Dec. 20 – At 3:04 p.m. a female complained that her brother was following her around the center of town and bothering her. An officer sent him on his way.

Sunday, Dec. 22 – At 12:40 a.m., the fire department reported seeing two young kids on bicycles on Abbot Street.

At 6:49 a.m., a Memorial Circle resident reported strange noises downstairs. She reported her 16 year-old daughter was in another room upstairs and a pet rabbit was downstairs, but she didn't think a rabbit could have made the sounds she heard. She came to the door, but would not let officers into her house to check it.

Monday, Dec. 23 – At 7:08 p.m., a resident reported that she and her husband saw five to six boys on the roof of South School. She reported she yelled at them to get down, but didn't see them leave.

At 7:36 p.m. a Greenwood Road resident reported receiving a phone call threatening that there was a bomb in their mailbox. The mailbox was clear.

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Wednesday, Dec. 18 – At 7:27 a.m., a guest on Minuteman Road reported his car was broken into during the night.

At 12:38 p.m., a Bullfinch Drive resident reported someone took her bank card and used it to buy items.

At 4:52 p.m., a Cassimere Street resident reported that someone had charged large sums of money on her MasterCard.

At 5:35 p.m., a vehicle was broken into at the Harrison Ice Rink.

Thursday, Dec. 19 – At 12:50 p.m., Boston Sports Club reported a member's car had been broken into and valuables had been taken.

Friday, Dec. 20 – At 3:47

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Selectmen ponder funding for senior-center design

■ **TASK FORCE**

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The task force only plans to request money for design plans at 2003 Town Meeting, with the hopes of returning in 2004 with a request to build the new center.

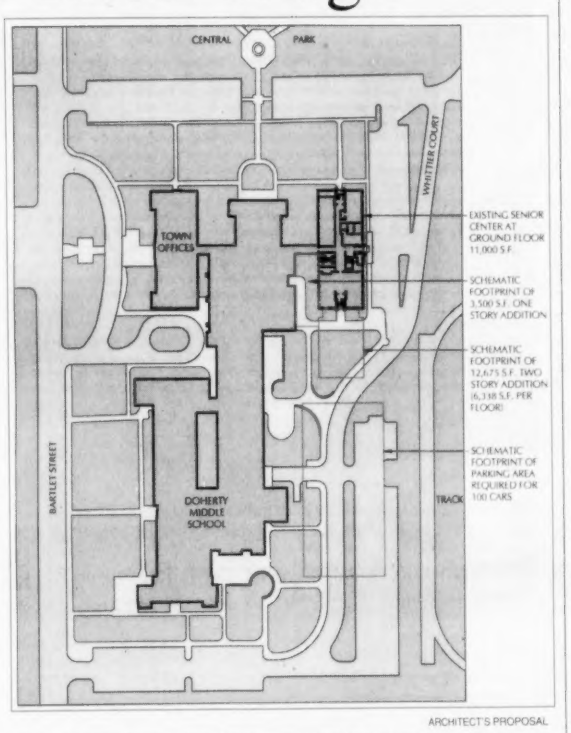
The task force voted unanimously last Wednesday to recommend expanding the current senior center over building a new center adjacent to the planned youth center in West Andover.

Zammuto said that the main reason behind recommending the current site was location. "This is the preferred location," said Zammuto.

A total of 95 percent of seniors polled preferred the Whittier Court location.

Seniors like the center where it is because it is close to downtown shopping and other town services. "Most seniors (live) in the center of town," said Zammuto.

The task force will pass on its recommendation to selectmen on Monday, Jan. 6 and they will return with their own decision on Jan. 13.



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Elections, override attempt…

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other towns. But the issue is the water treatment plant in town; Andover officials say a bigger one is needed.

Update: Andover officials continue to talk about the need to expand the town's water treatment plant while continuing to see how much money can be made by selling water to other communities.

FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Candidate Christopher Smith, a relative newcomer to Andover, was against a tax override for school expenses. The next thing he knew, he was sworn in by Town Clerk Randy Hanson after defeating candidate Peggy Kruse.

Override passes at Town Meeting

Town Meeting agreed to put the Proposition 2½ override to the ballot. It was a 2-1 vote in support of going to the voters to ask for more money for schools. The votes were 1,366 voting in favor of the move compared to 692 opposed.

Update: This vote was just half the battle. The override failed miserably as voters rejected the override at a special election in June. School officials said they needed the $1.13 million override in addition to the $46.8 million base budget to help open the two new schools in West Andover. The Suppport Our Students (SOS) pro-override group would serve as a launching pad for Barbara L'Italien, who co-chaired the group and a few months later would be elected a state representative serving parts of Andover.

Did you know?: At the time, proponents said the override would add $81 to the average home in town which was assessed at $353,000. Now, eight months later, the average home assessment is $470,000, according to the town clerk's office.

Ball fields voted down

Town Meeting solidly voted against turning 22 acres of residential space in West Andover near the Tewksbury line into ball fields. The vote was 739 against and 423 in favor. Proponents were looking to rezone the area to commercial property so local developer Yvon Cormier could build offices. His plan called for donating 15 acres of the parcel to the town for ball field space in return for yes vote on the office space.

Did you know?: When Pike School, a private school in Andover, heard about Andover's field crunch, school officials decided to let the town use their fields this year.

Attack in public housing

An Andover woman was raped and beaten by an inmate working around her home at the Andover Housing Authority on April 30. Inmates from the Lawrence Correctional Alternative Center took part in the program. Alex Mattei, 38, of Lawrence, slipped away from his maintenance assignment and attacked the woman. While the program was supposed to be limited to "low-security inmates" typically serving time for drug offenses, it was later reported that Mattei had been arrested 33 times for charges that included assault and battery, not just drug offenses. And, it was determined that towns were responsible for supervising the inmates taking part in the program.

Update: As a result of the Andover attack, legislation was filed that requires a corrections officer to accompany and supervise working inmates, which takes away the responsibility from the towns. In addition, police officers must be notified about such programs and inmates found guilty of assault and battery are not allowed to participate. Andover no longer takes part in the program.

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Andover High School gym teacher Carol Martini was named "national secondary physical education teacher of the year" by the state's association of health, physical educational, recreation, and dance. She was honored with a luau-styled pep rally in May, regaled above by fellow teachers Wayne Puglisi and Dave Fazio.

ClownTown fundraiser hit hard by freak spring snowstorm

For the first time in its 50-year history, ClownTown got snowed out. The freaky spring storm caused the immensely popular event to close down one

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p.m., security on Minuteman Road reported that a car's window had been smashed within the last 15 minutes and the stereo was taken.

Saturday, Dec. 21 – At 6:06 a.m., an officer responded to a break and entry on Andover Street.

At 2:51 p.m., someone came into the station to report his credit cards were stolen.

At 4:36 p.m., a caller reported his sister's brown, 1984 Toyota Supra was stolen from North Main Street.

At 5:54 p.m., the gift shop on Main Street reported a male shoplifter in the store.

Sunday, Dec. 22 – At 8:47 p.m., the son of an Endicott Road resident called to report that two ornaments had been stolen from her front yard.

Monday, Dec. 23 – At 6:29 p.m., a Spring Grove resident reported Christmas decorations stolen.

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There were no cases of assault or vandalism this week.

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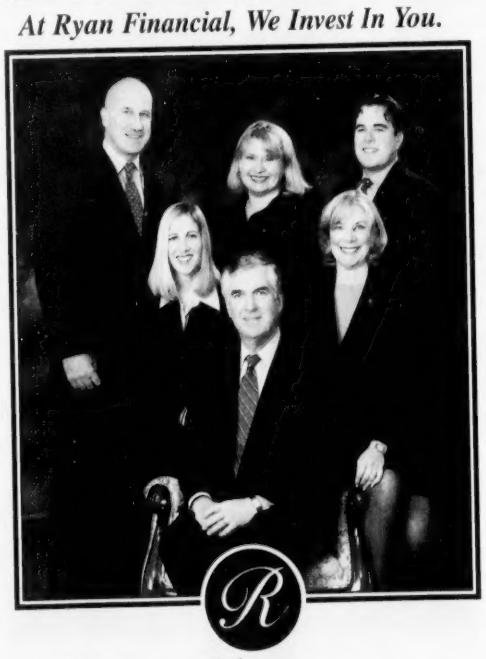

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Town projects behind schedule… Firefighters unhappy…

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of the two days. Andona Society sponsors the event and they reported a $60,000 loss as a result of shut down. Andona uses the money raised to support various youth programs around town and has also pledged $30,000 for the new youth center.

Did you know?: The monetary loss was not so bad after all. It ended up being $10K, not $60K. The first night of ClownTown was so busy that twice as much was raised as expected. Then, a few private donations came in because folks felt sorry for the group. And, several local schools bought unused food. The schools used the food for year-end parties. The bottom line is that $25K was raised at ClownTown this year. Last year, $35K was raised. Also, Andona invests in CDs – not the stock market – so their accounts did not fail miserably this year.

Update: Former president Lisa McDonald said not one youth program will be cut because of the snowy ClownTown. "It's business as usual for Andona and we are honoring every request," she said.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

It took more than a year, but after arbitration firefighters finally received a new contract through 2004.

ANDOVER TOWNSMAN

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Mosquito carries deadly disease

Sitcom hopeful films in Andover

Problem with Authority

Algae, bacteria close Pomps Pond

MVRTA: Seniors traveling in discomfort?

◀ After years as a tabloid, the Andover Townsman changed to a broadsheet format with the June 20 issue.

Other stories from spring 2002

Town construction projects continued to lag in April, as the new safety center and the two new schools were behind schedule… Bad weather and delays in signing the necessary contracts were to blame for the delays at the $13 million safety center, according to the contractor, Mello Construction. Ground was broken in April 2000, and the center was supposed to be completed by September 2002. Now, officials say the center will not be ready until June 2003… Meanwhile, delays plagued the new schools projects all year long as parents held their breath wondering if the schools would open for the first day of school in September. The schools did – just barely – alleviating crowded classrooms throughout town.

TV star Robert Urich, a one-time Andover resident, died of cancer on April 16. Urich bought a home in Andover on Phillips Street in 1987 as he worked on the series *Spenser for Hire*, which was filmed in Boston. His children attended St. Augustine School in Andover and the family was active in the parish.

The Eagle-Tribune Publishing Co., which owns the *Andover Townsman*, reached an agreement April 11 with Ottaway Newspapers Inc. to purchase Essex County Newspapers, including *The Salem Evening News, The Gloucester Daily Times* and *The Newburyport Daily News*. The purchase makes Eagle-Tribune Publishing one of the largest daily newspaper markets in New England, as it spans two states and more than 55 communities and 310,000 households.

Andover continued its prime time status when it comes to hot suburban real estate. Housing lots hit the $1 million mark this month with two lots – both less than two acres – going for that much in Willoughby Estates, located off Abbot Street.

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Wayne "Pug" Puglisi and Dave Fazio dressed in grass skirts.

YEAR IN REVIEW

SUMMER 2002

Prop. 2½ override fails

Andover saw 41 percent of its 19,168 active voters go to the polls on June 11, and 63 percent of them voted against the $1.13 million override to pay for school expenses. The 'No' vote was 4,936 to 2,879, and those working to defeat the measure raised their glasses in victory, toasting what they called "fiscal restraint." School administrators immediately began planning which school employees would be laid off and which budget items would be cut.

Update: No school employees were laid off, despite the administration's dire predictions. Personnel were reassigned to different positions, sometimes at other schools. Superintendent Claudia Bach said, "Everyone will be placed somewhere. All of them have found natural openings." The only job casualty was that of the Bancroft assistant principal, Joyce Fahy-Laundré, who took a principal position in Melrose.

Claudia Bach

Did you know?: The override vote failed in each one of Andover's nine precincts.

Firefighters' contract

After July 1, Andover firefighters were working under an expired contract for more than a year, and both sides – the firefighters' union and the selectmen and town manager – could not agree on terms. As both sides became entrenched, the town had to resort to arbitration. Firefighters kept up a steady drumbeat of emotional appeals to town residents, but the subject matter of the negotiations remained secret. The average resident had no idea what the debate was really about.

Update: The two sides received a decision from the state's Joint Labor Management Committee the week of Oct. 7, awarding firefighters a new contract through June 30, 2004. They received higher salaries, more pay for performing details, and cash for unused sick days.

Did you know?: The Andover firefighters' regular shift schedule is two 24-hour shifts every eight days.

FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Dennis Teves, a member of Keep Andover Affordable, promotes "fiscal restraint," and campaigns against the override vote, which failed a vote. A total of 63 percent of voters decided against the measure to raise taxes for school expenses.

Other stories from summer 2002

The *Andover Townsman* began using a new industry-standard printing press with the June 20 issue, becoming a slightly smaller version of a broadsheet after many years as a tabloid… After being a finalist in several school districts, Marinel McGrath, assistant superintendent of schools, accepted the top job in the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District… McGrath was replaced by Marcia Adams O'Neil of North Reading… Moira O'Brien, interim superintendent of the Orange Elementary School District, beat out two other finalists for the open principal position at Shawsheen School… Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, visited West Parish Church to honor his friend, retiring pastor Mark Welch… Selectmen refused to go along with DPW director Jack Petkus's request to purchase a 10-wheel dump truck, which would cost the town $110,000, saying the town can't afford it… Mitt Romney, who would go on to win the governor's office in the November election, came to Andover, rolled up his sleeves, and "pitched in" as workers spread asphalt at the new safety center site on North Main Street as cameras clicked away… After a series of fights and other disturbances in the Park after dark, Andover Police considered posting signs there to cut down on teenage loitering and bothering neighbors. The signs would close the Park at dusk, unless an event was scheduled there… Republican Maria Marasco said she was encouraged by Mitt Romney to take on state Sen. Sue Tucker for the Second Essex and Middlesex seat in the November election, and announced July 22 that she would run on an anti-tax platform and pursue a sticker campaign to get on the ballot.. Incumbent Tucker cruised to victory in the fall election… Construction of the $13 million safety center, which was originally slated to be completed in September, reached the halfway point as the police department moved into its new permanent home. The project is expected to take another year. Firefighters moved out of their quarters – with the help of 15 Essex County inmates after the union refused time-and-a-half pay for the moving job, protesting the lack of a contract. The inmates defended their Sheriff Department's Boot Camp program as a chance to start over, in an interview with the *Townsman*. Meanwhile, firefighters introduced themselves to new neighbors near their temporary quarters at Spring Grove Cemetery grounds, and developers razed the old safety center in September… The face of Main Street was altered at least temporarily by the *SiteLines: Art on Main* project sponsored by Phillips Academy. During the summer, nine artists modified public spaces to engage those passing by into thinking about their environment and possibly even having an aesthetic experience. The

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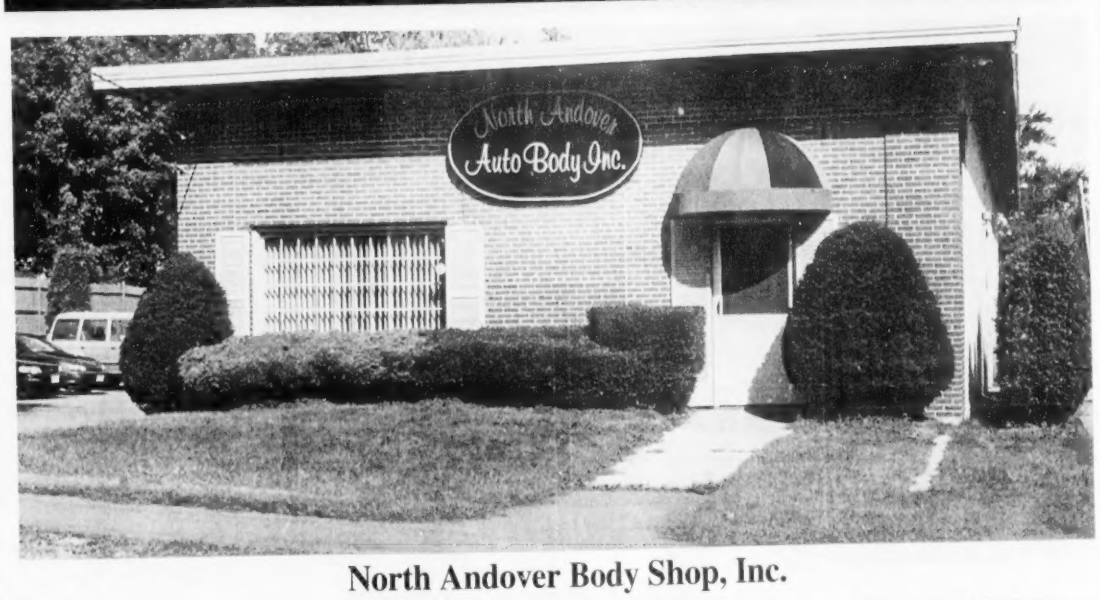

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Opinion

Communication the key for 2003

A new year stretches out just over the horizon, unspoiled, untouched, like a blank canvas or a ski mountain full of fresh powder, just waiting for us to make our mark.

There's nothing quite so contrasting to all that blank potential as looking back – back at the trails we've made or masterpieces we've created.

Looking at the whole year just passed, reviewing it month by month, sometimes suggests patterns of behavior, or a structure to events.

Without a doubt, 2003 also looms ahead as a challenging year. Andover has a number of projects in the works, on tap, and on the drawing boards.

In the majority of cases, these municipal projects are going to require incredible amounts of cash. All this in an economy that has been sluggishly resisting efforts to pull it out of the doldrums. Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan recently allowed that the US economy, resisting improvement despite ever-lower interest rates, is going through "a soft patch" right now.

For families in which one or both bread-winners have been laid off, it's downright rough sledding.

At the end of 2002, the school budget faces an enormous shortfall – $2.9 million – and the administration wants to hear from townspeople where the cuts should be, after its override efforts to raise $1.13 million for school expenses failed miserably at the ballot box in June.

2002 was also the year when many school fees ("pay to play") were instituted, both for athletics and the arts, including the embattled elementary school-music program.

And for another large segment of townspeople, those who might no longer have children in the schools, there is the latest reincarnation of the dream of a senior center. Now that seniors have finally admitted that they want to be "where the action is," as one fellow put it, the Senior Center Task Force has recommended remodeling the present site on Whittier Court. Getting its recommendation accepted by selectmen in January could be the easy part. Getting $290,000 at Town Meeting for design plans may be a more formidable obstacle for seniors.

The key for both groups to achieve what they need is communication. Both groups should have taken to heart the hard lessons they learned this year. Seniors' dreams of a home in Will Hall came tumbling down Jan. 14. And the Prop. 2½ override for the schools went down in flames June 11.

What will 2003 bring for both groups? Time will tell.

In the meantime – *communicate*, please.

Web question

How will you spend New Year's Eve?

Last week's *Townsman* Web-site question was:

What's your favorite Christmas production?

- 2, or 7 percent, said "Movie: It's a Wonderful Life"
- 2, or 7 percent, said "Movie: The Christmas Story"
- 4, or 15 percent, said "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"
- 1, or 4 percent, said "Cartoon: How The Grinch Stole Christmas"
- 7, or 26 percent, said "TV Animation: Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer (Island of Misfit Toys)"
- 1, or 4 percent, said "TV Animation: The Year Without a Santa Claus"
- 1, or 4 percent, said "Ballet: Nutcracker"
- 4, or 15 percent, said "Play: A Christmas Carol (Scrooge)"
- 2, or 7 percent, said "Concert: Christmas at Pops"
- 3, or 11 percent, said "Other" (e.g., "A Charlie Brown Christmas Special")

This week's Web question is: **How will you spend New Year's Eve?**

- Going to a party.
- Staying in with family.
- Renting a movie.
- First Night in Boston.
- On vacation elsewhere.
- Other.

To vote, surf to: <www.andovertownsman.com>.

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HOLIDAY RACKET

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Eric Mueller (left) and Liam Centrella, both 9, enjoy a game of racquetball Monday. The balmy weather that reached 60 degrees last weekend gave way to more seasonable, last-minute shopping weather and a forecast of a white Christmas at *Townsman* presstime on Tuesday.

LETTERS

Getting around without wheels

Editor, *Townsman:*

I live in West Andover near routes 133 and 93. A few weeks ago I began to explore how I could use the existing public transportation system, the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA), to get into downtown Andover, the Andover commuter rail station, without using my automobile. I found that I couldn't do it. I did discover MVRTA route 22 Ring and Ride, which covers only part of southern Andover, an advance phone request service which charges seniors $1 per trip. The user calls the MVRTA 24 hours in advance if pickup is desired, but must live within a specified distance from the defined route 22 travel route. In addition there is MVRTA route 21, the Andover Shuttle, which traverses a loop around the downtown area which currently takes about 30 minutes. The shuttle starts at the Senior Center every hour, on the hour and ends at the YMCA. The shuttle is great if you live in town. Full fare is $1. Seniors ride it free.

I would like to suggest an addition to the Andover Shuttle existing route. I think that the Andover Shuttle loop should be expanded to add a segment along route 133 West as far as the IRS/Raytheon plant in West Andover. This expanded loop would make downtown Andover much more accessible to people in the western part of town without use of their automobiles. How do you make this happen?

Saul Birnbach
2 Bellevue Road

FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

One of the many wild turkeys that have overrun the town this year, caught in the act.

Squeaky turkey gets the broom

Editor, *Townsman:*

Turkey troubles? Tough, experienced, North Andover residents worry about our scared, retreating, southern neighbors. Self defense we say! A friend discovered that a broom handle, or heavier stick, applied with firmness to a turkey neck, evokes a loud, surprised sound. The bird now runs when it sees us; and is seldom seen!

Signed: For the right turkey-human balance,

Robert Stevens
P.O. Box 116
North Andover

Guest column: Music lessons in 1930s Andover

Violin lessons with Mr. Nickolai

Elinor Oberlin

In a recent issue of the *Townsman* I read several articles related to music education in the schools, with an emphasis on the difficulties of scheduling instrumental lessons during the school day. I infer that, unlike many curriculum cuts–such as art–this is not so much a matter of budgetary restraints as of the increasing pressure on teachers and students to complete heavier and heavier work loads in the basic curriculum. (Alas, the arts are the first place to feel the pinch when the pressure is on.) But music is an important part of one's education. In my case it has provided me life-long benefits, including a love of all music, but especially classical music.

When I went to school in Andover, during the '30s, I used to visit weekly at a small nondescript building on the Andover Phillips Academy campus. It was located directly on Main Street (Rte. 28) in front of the archeology building. It was used by the music department of the academy as space for giving private lessons and for student practice. I went there once a week for a violin lesson with "Mr. Nickolai" who, I guessed, was a member of the music faculty. He was a kind gentleman who never lost his temper no matter how many dreadful mistakes I made while sawing away. But this was not the beginning of my short career into violin performance – that came much earlier.

When I was in the fifth grade at Shawsheen Elementary School – this would have been 1932 or 1933! – the music teacher Miriam Sweeney brought someone new to music class, a string teacher. His name was Mr. Morin. We were asked if any one would be interested in learning to play a string instrument. I put my hand up; it happened that my mother owned a violin that had belonged to her father, so I would not have to buy or rent an instrument. My mother approved; she had happy dreams of me and my sister playing duets together; it was not to work out that way.

The rationale was that if Miss Sweeney could develop a string section, she would then have the basis of a junior orchestra which, combined with the winds, horns, and drums already in place for the marching band, could play some serious music when we got to Junior High and Punchard High School in a few years. It would be the unenviable task of Mr. Morin to teach us the basics of violin technique – how to hold the instrument: "Up, Elinor; don't let it droop!"; the mechanics of holding the bow and applying to the strings of the violin so as to produce a pleasing tone, "Stroke the strings gently, don't saw!" There was a small group who were interested. I believe Mr. Morin also taught cello. I would have preferred to play the cello, as I loved its mellow alto range. My mother did not approve; she said it was unladylike; one had to hold the instrument between one's legs. (For a child of the flapper age, Mother had some Victorian ideas.)

The first few months must have been hard on the ears of anyone within hearing. Whenever I hear a professional orchestral performance, I think of the parents and teachers who endured the first weeks of student searching around on the strings for the note that appeared on the score. If you play the piano, and you hit middle C, you know it will sound like "middle C"; on a fiddle, you have to search for it, and at the beginning you do a lot of trial and error.

Nevertheless, Mr. Morin persisted against all odds, and in a few weeks – low and behold! We were playing "Twinkle, twinkle, little star!" in more or less unison, to an admiring group of parents. Things were going well. The following year I was promoted to private lessons with Mrs. Watson, a proficient violinist who played in a string quartet which performed at the Gardner Museum in Boston occasionally. She put up with my perfunctory practice habits for several years. I did improve in spite of adds, but I would never be a really good musician, because I never learned to read music. I had a good ear, and once I had heard a piece of music I could play it, so why bother to read music. No one told me that one can never become a true musician without learning to read music. Of course, there was Irving Berlin, who wrote over 1000 songs by ear – but then, he was a genius.

The fact was that I did not have the finger dexterity without which one has trouble with vibrato, double stops, pizzicato, speed – and many other technical tasks. I did play in the orchestra when I got to high school, and enjoyed it – mostly second fiddle, which suited me fine. When I began my lessons with Mr. Nickolai I think I was fourteen, and my parents still had hopes. After a few years during which I had more important things to do than practice, Mr. Nickolai reported to my parents that, they were wasting their money on lessons for me. And that was the end of my career as a violinist. Too bad, as I would no doubt have enjoyed playing later in life. We live with our mistakes.

While I never became more than an average player, it was an experience into music that I wouldn't have missed. I truly envy those who are able to build their lives around music; they will never be rich, but they will bring great pleasure to others. As I grew older, I seized every opportunity to go to concerts. I heard a very young Jorge Bolet give a dynamic piano performance at

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YEAR IN REVIEW

FALL 2002

New schools open in time for new school year

Andover opened two new schools on High Plain Road and Cross Streets in West Andover in September. High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle, a project approved by the town in April of 2000, opened their doors to students on Sept. 5 – just in time for classes.

Parents and students followed the High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle building project with bated breath for most of the year.

The building project ran late and by many accounts the new schools wouldn't open on time.

The new school's had their official ribbon cutting and opening of the shared auditorium space on Dec. 8.

Did you know?: High Plain Elementary school has 48,580 square feet. Wood Hill has 75,895 square feet and the two schools share a kitchen, mechanical room and auditorium amounting to 53,630 square feet. There are 200 smoke detectors, 2,500 lights, 10,500 yards of carpeting and 15,000 bricks.

Firefighters as paramedics?

With fewer town fires to put out, Fire Chief Chuck Murnane saw firefighters trained as paramedics a way to keep the Andover Fire Department a necessary part of the town's budget.

All of Andover's firefighters are trained as EMT's and receive a 6 percent pay increase when they complete EMT certification. John McMullen, firefighter union head, said he expected a stipend would be worked in if Andover firefighters were trained to become paramedics.

But Andover currently pays a third party – Lawrence General Hospital – to provide Andover's paramedic service and Murnane says that in-house paramedics could save the town bucks.

Update: Murnane says he'll be looking into the costs involved in covering the town's paramedic needs after the first of the year. "If we can save money and provide a better service for the town – we're going to do it," he said.

Did you know?: EMT's can't perform even simple internal procedures, like giving an IV. Paramedics can give an IV, administer medication and intubate a patient.

FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Lea Macheras and her brother, Alex, check out the health classroom in the new High Plain Elementary School.

MCAS in the news

Andover students did better than before on the statewide MCAS exam. Students grades four and up jumped from 20th out of 208 state school districts to 9th.

Students scored as many as 10 points higher in math than English on the statewide MCAS test. Andover scored in the 90s for English, but (with the exception of Sanborn Elementary) scored in the 80s for math.

Did you know?: AHS math and science adviser Donna Pappalardo says that the math test is discipline-specific, whereas students who didn't cover a topic in English class can still read and write an answer.

Election: New 18th Essex district

Andover got a new representative seat with the newly created 18th Essex district and one of its own to fill it, in representative-elect Barbara L'Italien.

L'Italien represents Andover precincts 1, 7 and 8 in the house. The 18th Essex seat also represents precincts in Methuen, Haverhill, Georgetown, North Andover and Boxford.

L'Italien took 51 percent of the vote, versus Republican Kathleen Sachs's 43 percent. Independent Alfred DePietro took less than 1 percent.

In other local races, Sen. Sue Tucker beat Republican challenger Maria Marasco, and incumbent Rep. Barry Finegold was in after he bested Michael Frishman in the Democratic primary. Andover voted with the rest of the state to bring Mitt Romney in as governor.

L'Italien will be sworn in on New Year's Day, but has already met with Sen. Sue Tucker and Rep. Barry Finegold to get on the same legislative page.

L'Italien said that the committee on human services and the elderly was one that Speaker Tom Finneran believed was a possibility for her as a freshman.

Did you know?: New state representatives don't get their own offices when they first arrive at the State House. They are held in an area known as "the pen," a maze of cubicles on the fourth floor that one state house staffer referred to as "a rabbit warren." Office space gradually opens up, but reps can spend as much as a month there. L'Italien said that she will spend the time getting to know the other freshmen representatives.

Higher taxes ahead

Selectmen voted to raise homeowner's taxes 9.6 percent in the new year. The average homeowner will pay $5,466 in taxes next year, an increase of $480 from 2002.

Taxes for commercial properties will rise 5.8 percent and industrial property taxes will rise 9.5 percent.

Did you know?: The amount of money collected by the town is determined at Town Meeting.

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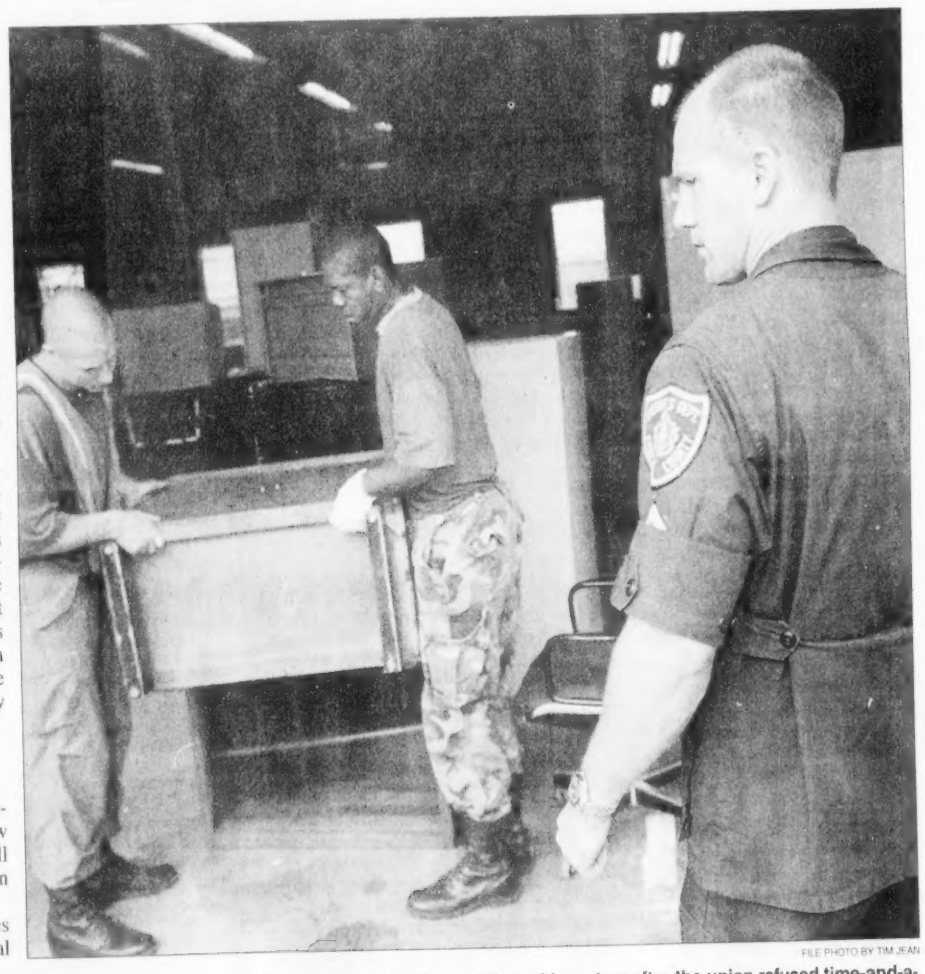

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Essex County inmates helped firefighters moved out of their old quarters after the union refused time-and-a-half pay for the moving job, protesting the lack of a contract. The inmates defended their Sheriff Department's Boot Camp program as a chance to start over.

Violin lessons

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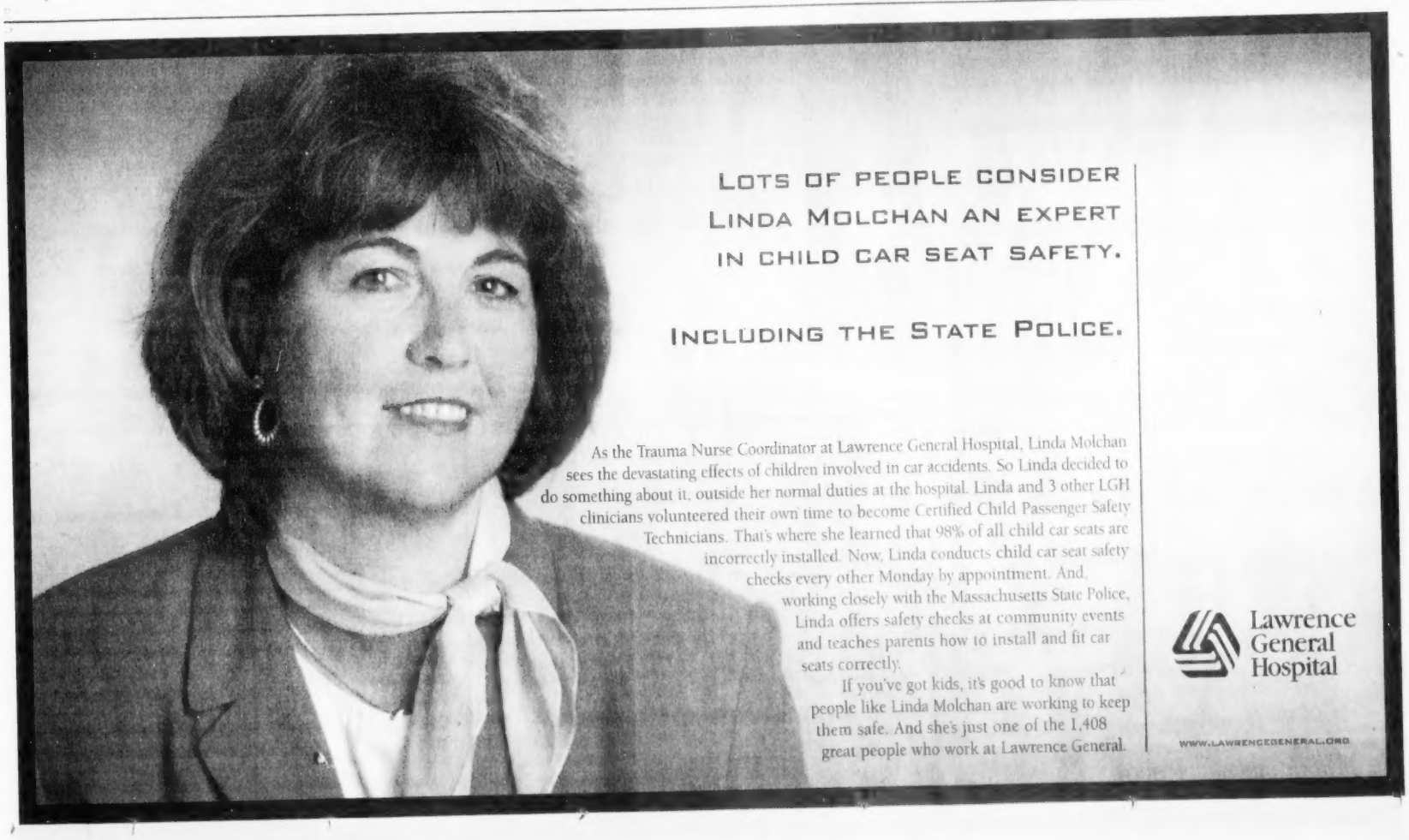
the Academy auditorium; years later the pianist Byron Janis gave one of his first performances there. I heard the cellist Gregor Piatagorski in a memorable concert – I believe that was in Boston, but it was so funny I've never forgotten it. Piatagorski was a very intense cellist, unlike YoYoMa, who always looks as though transported to another world when performing. Gregor was bowing his way through some intricate Russian concerto, when suddenly–all the hair in his bow burst from the frog, and he was left sitting helpless. There was a ten-second astonished silence; then he shrugged apologetically to the audience, which erupted in laughter and clapping. In a few moment someone brought him another bow, and he started over. No harm done; in fact, the incident humanized the towering genius and brought him closer to his audience. It could have happened to anyone.

Elinor Oberlin, a former Andover resident, writes from Palm Desert, California.



OBITUARIES

James A. Kelly

Was employed in automobile and real estate sales

James Alexander Kelly, 78, of Andover and formerly of Boca Raton and Boynton Beach, Fla. and Lowell, died Tuesday, Dec. 17 at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell.

He was born in Lowell and was a disabled US Army veteran of World War II.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed in automobile and real estate sales in the Lowell area.

He was a member of the Amputee Association of America, a former member of Vesper Country Club, where he played in several tournaments, and was a member of the US Golf Association.

He was very active in the Lowell Youth Athletic Programs and was a member of William North Masonic Lodge, AF&AM and was a Shriner.

Members of his family include his wife, Nancy (Darling) Kelly; two daughters, Kimberly Santos and her husband, Arthur, of Andover and Elizabeth Oblachinski and her husband, Robert, of Temecula, Calif.; a son, Peter Kelly of Pompano Beach, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saints Memorial Cancer Center, One Hospital Drive, Lowell, MA 01852.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsman* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Fater at 978-475-7000.

DEATHS

James Alexander Kelly, 78
Lucille M. Labrecque, 70
Richard H. Schmidt, 61
Wilbur Spangenberger, 78
Mary M. Sullivan
Alvin J. Zink Jr., 87

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

LABRECQUE – Lucille M. (Collard) Labrecque, 70, of Methuen, died Friday, Dec. 20 at Holy Family Hospital. She was a charter member of the Christian Formation Center of Andover and members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Diane Labrecque of Andover.

SCHMIDT – Richard H. Schmidt, 61, of Lawrence, died Saturday, Dec. 21 at home. He worked for Raytheon Corp. for 38 years at both the Andover and Tewksbury plant, retiring two weeks ago because of his illness.

LATE DEATHS

SPANGENBERGER – Wilbur Spangenberger, 78, of Andover, died Monday, Dec. 23 at Lawrence General Hospital. Calling hours are tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover. A funeral service will be held Saturday, Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 360 S. Main St., Andover.

Mary M. Sullivan

Attended St. Augustine Church

Mary M. Sullivan of Andover, died Wednesday, Dec. 18 at Nevins Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Methuen.

She was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Members of her family include her sister, Alice Parshley of Andover; and several nieces and nephews.

There were no calling hours. Cremation took place at Linwood Crematory. Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Alvin J. Zink Jr.

Resident of Ballardvale for more than 50 years

Alvin J. Zink Jr., 87, of Kensington, N.H., died Tuesday, Dec. 10.

He was born in Methuen and lived in the Ballardvale section of Andover for over 50 years.

Mr. Zink graduated from the University of North Carolina with a degree in electrical engineering and worked for the United Shoe Machinery Corporation for most of his career.

He moved to Kensington in 1994 following the death of his wife, Muriel.

Family members said he was an avid reader and traveler and had a fondness and appreciation for Morocco and its people. He had a love for woodworking, the White Mountains, and sailing the Maine coast, they said.

Members of his family include a daughter, Martha Gibson of Portland, Ore.; a son, Al Zink of Kensington; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held in the spring. Arrangements were by Brewitt Funeral Home in Exeter, N.H.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago – 1902

Miss Marion D. Paine will spend Christmas in her home in Roxbury.

A big flock of geese southward bound was seen passing over Andover on Sunday.

A number of the students from the various colleges and normal schools have returned to Andover for Christmas.

If you have not already taken advantage of the opportunities offered by our advertisers in their tempting Christmas advertisements, don't delay. Only four more shopping days are left before Christmas.

Chicago people have at last decided on the proper language to be used in their drawing rooms. The study of the French language has become a fashion among the gentlefolk.

Andover people will be interested in the plans for a new theater, which is soon to be built in Lawrence.

The town is to be given the use of three telephones free of charge. Just where they will be located is not yet settled.

A runaway electric car well filled with passengers, dropping rapidly backwards down the steep grades on North Main street, below the Rubber shop, was the sight that startled the motorman and passengers on the front end of car No. 17 approaching Andover from Lawrence, shortly after 10 o'clock last evening, and just as the railroad bridge had been reached.

At City Hall in Lawrence, the local roller polo team played its first game in the a mature league and made a very credible appearance.

The trial trip of the Haverhill and Andover Street railway line is being made this afternoon, and by the first of the week it seems settled that regular street car communication will be established on this new line.

From an editorial: The public will get at the bottom of the coal strike before it is through with the investigation, and there is likely to be pretty serious aftermath. The worst of it is the greatest sufferers will continue to be the innocent public.

Former principal F.O. Baldwin of Punchard was surprised by a number of pupils of the high school, including the majority of the members of the senior and junior classes, at his home on Salem Street, last Monday evening.

75 Years Ago – 1927

Patrolman William L. Frye has returned to his duties after an attack of the grippe.

The beautifully symmetrical tree placed in Elm Square last Friday morning has been much admired and gives promise of the attraction it will be on Christmas Eve, when it is resplendent with lights. Everyone will want to spare an hour from last-minute shopping as well as from the home-fireside to join the community celebration.

At the meeting of the Selectmen held Monday a permit for a filling station to John P. West at the corner of Hidden Road and Main Streets was refused. Residents of the neighborhood strongly opposed the granting of the permit.

Colonel Lindbergh is at it again. The eyes of the nation are upon this gallant youth in Mexico, after his non-stop flight from Washington. His activities are recorded daily in the newspapers and by radio, and the interest does not cease, but rather increases.

The sympathy of the world goes out to the ill fated crew of the Submarine S-4, which was recently rammed and sunk off Provincetown, and to the families of the unfortunate men.

The Christmas party for the older members of the church school took place in the South Church vestry on Tuesday evening. The preparation of the tree and the entertainment was in charge of the girls of I.B.G. sorority and their counselor, Mrs. Louis Soderberg.

Joseph Hickey spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hickey, Elm Street.

A large tractor snow plow has been assigned by the state to the town for use in plowing snow during the coming winter season. The plow arrived in town Friday morning.

The installation ceremonies of the Pythian Sisters planned for January 9, have been postponed to January 23, owing to the fact that the deputy, Mrs. Margaret Hudson of Haverhill will not be able to present on the first-mentioned date.

Jack and the Beanstalk by popular demand will be performed through the current week. "Jack" has climbed the beanstalk high into the approval of the holiday audiences. Like the dreams of youth we continue to give Jack, and the beanstalk, for another week.

50 Years Ago – 1952

The school committee Monday night had an informal talk with James H. Grew of Phillips Academy about the conversational French that is taught here in the three grade classes at the Central Elementary school.

"We are breaking all records," said Postmaster Stephen A. Boland today referring to the Christmas business now passing through the local post office. "It's the biggest Christmas mail that's ever gone through the Andover post office," he said. His staff of regular and extra clerks and carriers busied themselves with the closing rush of postal business that was far beyond all previous Yuletime records.

Special musical programs for the Christmas observance will be presented in several of Andover's churches Sunday.

Members of the Andover school committee have been interviewed recently by representatives of the Harvard Graduate School of Education as part of the statewide study it is making concerning the qualifications of school superintendents.

Residents of Ballardvale are sponsoring a move for a trunk sewer from the Abbot bridge to the Vale center.

The Red Cross is expanding its blood program as a result of experiments using gamma globulin to prevent paralysis of polio victims, according to Miss Barbara Loomer, executive secretary of the Andover chapter.

Three emergency phone calls in 10 minutes had the firemen at the central station on the jump Monday morning and made it necessary to enlist the services of a fireman just off duty and a police officer to man the apparatus that responded to the calls.

A sleet storm that started Monday and continued through Tuesday morning made driving conditions difficult as freezing snow and sleet coated windshields and highways but gave evidences of having a "White Christmas" for the holiday.

A well-preserved copy of the *Andover Advertiser* for March 31, 1855 has been found by Hodwarth J. Peters, 79 Elm St., in the drawer of an old-fashioned dresser, which was part of the Moses Foster Jr. estate.

The board of health through its secretary, Charles O McCullom, issued a notice to parents of school children regarding the exclusion of pupils from school after illness.

The growing cost of operating local government will be continued in 1953, according to the previews of the new year made today of readers of *The Townsman*, by heads of three of the town's major departments.

Andover resident Thomas J. Garvey, serving in the Armed Forces in Korea, had Christmas dinner with N.Y. Cardinal Spellman, Vicar General of the Armed Forces at that time. Garvey's group were all given prayer cards that said at the bottom of the card: In Prayerful Remembrance of Christmas Shared Together – 1952.

25 Years Ago – 1977

The Andover School Committee has scheduled a tour of East Junior High School, in hopes of getting a better handle on why the administration wants an additional 25,000 square feet for the building.

Portable classrooms at the high school, voted down by the school committee over a year ago, were revived as an option Tuesday night by the committee to study declining enrollments (DEC.)

The new dog leash law approved by the voters at the October town meeting has been approved by the attorney general, with only one minor change.

East Jr. High School was described by School Chairman David Ahouse, Tuesday night as "close to a town disgrace," and with the rest of his committee generally sympathetic, opted to "cogitate" the situation until they meet again in January.

Dorothy Vinuto of Andover has a rather unusual job for a woman.

A former training supervisor at Angell Memorial Hospital in Boston, she is now a laborer with the Andover Department of Public Works, through the local CETA subgrant program.

The Third Annual Andover Recreation Community Schools Ping Pong Tournament which was scheduled for this past Saturday, Dec. 10, will be held instead sometime early spring.

Low tournament registration coupled with a busy holiday season and inclement weather has forced the tournament date to be changed to a different time.

Growth problems – acting and reacting to them – will be among the top priority items facing the town in the year ahead, in the opinion of Acting Town Manager Sheldon S. Cohen.

Golden Warriors of Andover High will be in the championship game of the annual Christmas Tournament at Merrimack College.

Acting Town Manager Sheldon S. Cohen is presenting to the finance committee this week a request for a transfer of funds to provide for the position of director of inspection services for the health department.

Trombly Motor Coach Co. will continue local bus service until town meeting in April decided to subsidize the utility and, if so, through what means.

Efforts to correct the dirty water situation through flushing will continue in the Shawsheen area until Spring, or a break in the weather when a new method will be employed.

10 Years Ago – 1992

Andover public school students improved their scores on the Massachusetts Educational Assessment Program standardized tests last year, and continued to score above the state average. Andover High School students scored ninth out of 299 communities in the state, said Eileen Woods, assistant superintendent of schools.

Fourteen-year-old Stephen Milmoe got a standing ovation for his singing last week, from the president of the United States.

R.J. Macartney's men's clothing store on Main Street will close in early January after 39 years of doing business in Andover and 112 years in the Merrimack Valley. Along with the end of an era of sorts, the closing will mark the end of a career for John Zenevitch, manager of the Andover store since it opened in 1953.

A black professional football player, a white professional basketball player and a female Olympic rower visited Andover High last month to discuss all kinds of discrimination with students. This was the second year members of Project Teamwork came to the high school to talk about racial, as well as gender discrimination.

– Compiled by Townsman intern Kyra Auffermann

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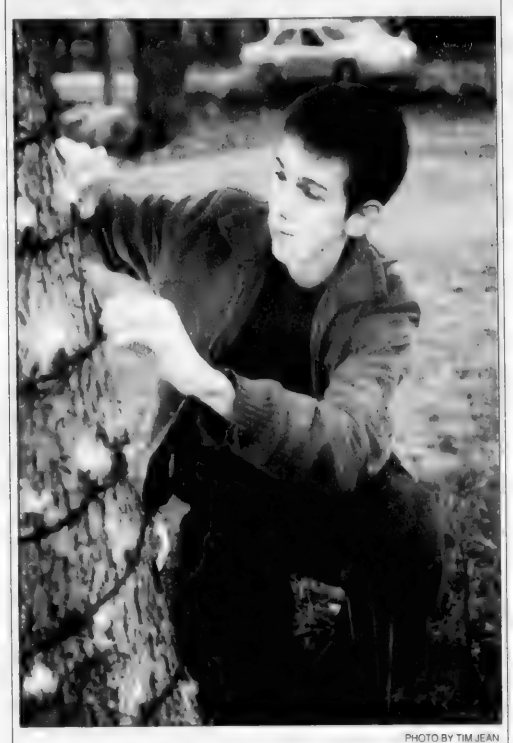

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

A glowing tribute by Ryan Durkin of Shawsheen Road.

■ **HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

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bushes and the pool fence, with rows and rows of colorful lights. He drives his mother cheerfully crazy with his big piles of lights on the living room floor. But it's been five years now so she knows he will eventually get each light hung.

"It's a bit-by-bit approach. I have a system going and each year I add more and more," said Ryan, who is a junior at Andover High and a member of the National Honor Society.

This year, the addition was the backyard pool shed which is outlined with colorful lights, just like the house.

This time of year, a typical after-school afternoon means track practice and loads of homework. Stringing lights offers some chilling out time. This top varsity runner on Andover High's track team – the two-mile is his specialty this year – was the first-place finisher in the recent 5K part of the road race held in memory of the late Larry Robinson. Robinson was principal of Andover High when he died of cancer four years ago. The race raises money for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Ryan raises money and runs in that race, because like the holiday lights, the road race is another connection to his late father.

The light-stringing offers some much-needed down time for this energetic teen, who just got his license and also works in the bag room at Indian Ridge Country Club.

"I make the time to do this because I like to just go outside and relax after school sometimes. I blast some Christmas tunes and just start hanging the lights," he said. "I'm not like some of those big houses in Andover where owners hire companies to put up their lights. I just do it myself."

He doesn't keep track of how many lights are used in his display or how many hours he has spent stringing them. But 4,000 lights and at least 10 hours sounds about right. And, there is plenty of color, as he doesn't care for the all-white look.

"Too traditional," he said.

"I got 20 boxes this year and there are 100 in each box, he said adding, "Wal-Mart has the best deal. They were $1.64 a box."

Classmates have been lighting up with smiles in the hallways as they compliment his decorating job.

"They say it's really cool and how everyone is slowing down," he said.

"That's good to hear."

Only now, parents of his friends are asking him to help with their decorating jobs. While he clearly doesn't have much time, he did manage to help out one friend.

Ryan plans to keep up with his holiday decorating tribute to his dad for years to come.

"That's my plan," he said. "Even when I go to college, I'll come home to put up the lights."

First day of winter brings out ice skating lovers

Phillips, DCS team up to offer free skating session for residents

By Judy Wakefield

In spite of the two blisters she got the last time she skated at a free skating session sponsored by the town, Pam Gourley of Andover returned. Only, this time she smartened up. She brought oversized Band-Aids for her two heels, put them on and hit the ice looking to have some fun.

She was among some 70 skaters who turned out last Saturday night for a free community skate. Appropriately enough, it was the first day of winter so ice skating was a great way to kick off this season for this crowd. Department of Community Services teamed up with Phillips Academy and offered 90 minutes of free skating at the Harrison Rink. It's all part of Phillips' desire to be a good neighbor and let Andover use its state-of-the-art skating rink. This marked the second time the two groups have teamed up to offer free skating for Andover residents. Last December, DCS held a similar event at the Academy's older Smith rink.

This time the event was held late – 9 to 10:30 p.m. – which some parents said was not family-friendly hours. But several of them did show up, such as Carol and Mike Papa, who don't skate but enjoyed watching their two daughters,

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PHOTOS BY JUDY WAKEFIELD

Paul Song of Andover gets ready to hit the ice.

Michelle Gordon (left), 8, and Sarah Papa, 8, agreed the free skating was a lot of fun.

JoAnn Bendetson of Andover brought her skates and her sons Austin (left) and Ross.

Skating Club an option for local skaters

If you are looking for local public skating, Andover Skating Club may be a club for you.

The club uses the Harrison Rink on Phillips Academy and is currently accepting new members. Memberships are $35 for the first family member and $15 for each additional member.

Club members take part in a open skate on Sundays from 2:10 to 3:40 p.m.

Call the rink at 978-684-7200 for more information.

Pam Gourley of Andover laces up at the community skate hosted by DCS at the Harrison Rink at Phillips Academy.

THE WINNING BID

Who could forget Andover's very successful Raise the Roof auction dinner last year that raised some $75,000 for the new youth center? The kids living on Avery Lane in West Andover were reminded as one of the auction items recently rolled into their neighborhood. Lisa and Greg Dunne bid on the item to have an Andover fire truck visit their neighborhood and park there for an hour. The kids had a ball with their up-close tour of the truck. Pictured here are, front row, from left, Naomi Smith, Kristina Terzakis, Jessica Dunne, Tommy Schiavoni, Billy Schiavoni, and the Dunne family's dog, Madison. Back row, from left, are Daniel Smith, Andrew Dunne, Peter Schiavoni, Rachel Feinman, Brian Krall, Eric Krall, and Natalie Reed. At left is Lt. David Lynch; at far right, Firefighter Brian Wright.

— Judy Wakefield

PERSON ON THE STREET

Johannes Vandenbroeke

Christine and Larry Marocco

Marcelle and Patrick Doheny

Dan and Anna McGrath

Sylvia and Andréa Sasso

Pop the Cork: Ringing in the New Year

How townspeople will spend the final evening of 2002

By Thea Shapiro

SUNDAY WAS A BUSY DAY in Andover for people bustling in and out of shops, getting that last-minute Christmas shopping done.

And now with Christmas pageants behind us and gifts exchanged, family celebrations ending, the joy and excitement of the Christmas season coming to a close, we celebrate the greeting of the New Year.

Some Andover residents were more than happy to share their New Year's Eve traditions.

Christine and Larry Marocco get together with friends from grade school and high school.

"We've been doing this for years, and we love it." Christine Marocco said.

Dan and Anna McGrath finish a jigsaw puzzle that they start after Christmas, "It's usually a gift one of us gets," explains Dan McGrath, "and we like to get the last piece in at midnight on New Years Eve."

Marcelle Doheny, who is from England, said, "My brother comes over from England every year, for New Year's. We cook in and have a good time with him and my immediate family."

Sylvia Sasso shared a story about a tradition from her native Germany.

"In Bavaria, we have a custom [where] we put a small lead ball on a spoon, and hold it over a candle until the ball melts. We throw the melted lead into water, and we interpret the shape made by the melted ball. Of course, you always interpreted it into something good."

She hasn't been able to keep this tradition going in America because she can't find the lead balls here.

And Johannes Vandenbroeke, an Andover resident who is originally from the Netherlands, echoed the sentiments of many people about New Year's Eve.

"I don't really have a favorite moment, but I like getting up the next morning," he said.

Photos by Thea Shapiro

FIRST BIRTHDAYS

FIRST BIRTHDAYS
2003 KEY DATES

ISSUE DATE	PHOTO DEADLINE
Jan. 30	Jan. 24
Feb. 27	Feb. 21
March 27	March 21
April 24	April 18
May 29	May 23
June 26	June 20
July 31	July 25
Aug. 28	Aug. 22
Sept. 25	Sept. 19
Oct. 30	Oct. 24
Nov. 27	Nov. 21
Dec. 25	Dec. 19

BABIES CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAYS, affiliated with Andover, may have their pictures in the *Townsman* free. They will normally appear in the issue dated *the last Thursday of the month*, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies having a January 2003 first birthday will be published in the Jan. 30 issue. **All photos must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24.** Births are printed the first Thursday of the month.

Noah Riley Norris

Adam Henry Norris

Noah Riley Norris and Adam Henry Norris celebrated their first birthday Dec. 19 with their parents, Brian and Michele (Fluet) Norris, their sister, Haley, 5, brother Jacob, 3½. Their grandparents are David and Cornelia Norris and Ernest and Rita Fluet, all of Andover. Their great-grandmother is Marie Norris of Wollaston. Noah loves to snuggle and steal food from his brother's plate. Adam likes to play peek-a-boo and thinks sleeping at night is for wimps.

Meghan Joyce Paquette

Meghan Joyce Paquette celebrated her first birthday on Dec. 8. She is the daughter of Chris and Eileen Paquette of Topping Road. Grandparents are Chris and Joyce Paquette of Haverhill. Great-grandmother is Rose Cuscia of Methuen. Meghan enjoys singing "Itsy Bitsy Spider" with her big brother, Brendan, 8 and big sister, Katie, 6.

Emily Beth Kowalski

Emily Beth Kowalski celebrated her first birthday on Dec. 17. She is the daughter of Kristin (Monahan) and Dan Kowalski of Stoneham. Her proud grandparents are Jack and Peggy Monahan of Andover and Henry and Brenda Kowalski of Eastham. Emily is the great-granddaughter of Harry Kowalski of Westwood. She loves "reading" her books and she loves to laugh and smile with family and friends.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker
Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

New Year's Eve Celebration: On Tuesday, Dec. 31 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. [illegible] after lunch, talent show- [illegible] entertainment galore as we [illegible] the new year with entertainment, [illegible] food and a new year's toast. Tickets are available at the center at $2.50 each.

National Heritage Museum Trip: We are currently accepting reservations for our Jan. 15 trip to view the special exhibit, Enterprising Women at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington. Put together by the Schlesinger Library at Harvard University, this exhibit can be enjoyed only at the Heritage Museum before it goes on national tour. Following the museum visit, we will enjoy lunch at Vinny Testa's restaurant, along with time to browse the shops in downtown Lexington. Cost is $30. Reservations may be made by dropping into the center.

Winter Exercise Classes: There are openings available in most wellness classes for the winter semester. Call the center for further information if you are interested in men's exercise, water workout, tai chi, line dance, low-impact aerobics, women's strength training, or senior modified yoga.

Massage Therapy Appointments: The senior center has a licensed massage therapist on site every Monday morning for seated upper body massage including neck, shoulder, and back work. If the winter weather is getting to your joints, be sure to give us a call and make an appointment. Reduced rate of $12 for a 20-minute session.

Cardio Conditioning Class: A new eight-week session of cardio conditioning will be starting Thursday, Jan. 9. This class meets at the Andover Training Station under the direction of a certified personal trainer. Individual attention on treadmills, exercise bikes, and other fitness machines. Cost of the class is $50, and registration is held only through the senior center. Class size is limited.

Cards and Dessert Day: The senior center will sponsor a card and dessert party on Sunday, Jan. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. Ask a friend, grab that deck of cards, Scrabble or Monopoly game, chess or cribbage board and sign up to join us. Advance reservations necessary; cost is just $2. Call Bernadette for further information.

AARP: The AARP group will hold its monthly meeting at the senior center on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Speakers will be someone from Holy Family Hospital's hearing center, as well as a representative from Colette Tours.

Parkinson's Support Group: The Parkinson's support group will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 9 at 1:30 p.m. This group is open to caregivers and family members, as well as those living with the daily challenges of Parkinson's disease. For further information, call Kristine at the senior center.

Quilting, Choral Group, and Needle Art: Our quilting, needle art and choral groups will all resume Monday, Jan. 6. If you would like further information on any of these three opportunities, call the senior center.

Merrimack College's Sociology of Aging Class: We will team up with Professor Ray Dorney and his Sociology of Aging class at Merrimack College this semester for an intergenerational collaboration. We will be looking for approximately 20 seniors who would like to participate in several discussions around issues of aging. Call Pat Becker at the center if you would be interested in learning more about this venture.

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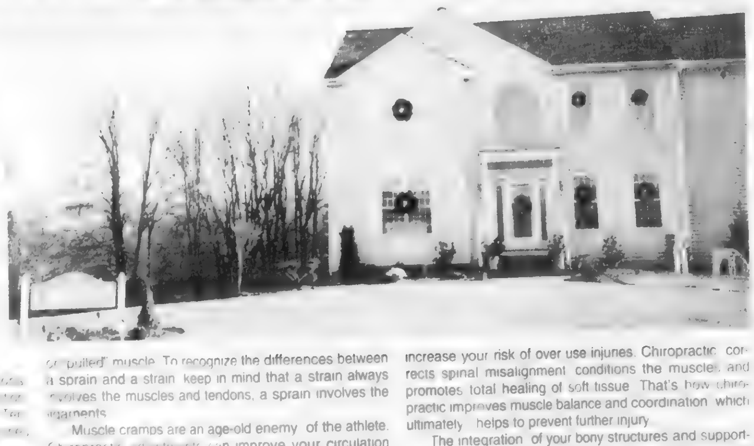

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ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Moran-Sullivan

Erinne E. Sullivan and Michael J. Moran, both of Orlando, Fla., were married on May 25 at the Church of the Annunciation in Altamonte Springs, Fla. A reception followed the ceremony at the Country Club of Orlando. A second reception was held at the Holiday Inn in Tewksbury on June 30.

Erinne and Michael Moran

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Sullivan of Andover and a graduate of Andover High School and the University of New Hampshire.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Moran of Altamonte Springs and a graduate of the University of Florida.

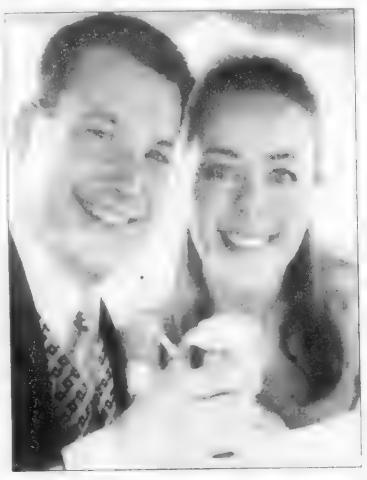
The bride's sister, Tara Kanevski of Mansfield was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Liane Pritikin of Los Angeles, Calif., Lisa Harris of Orlando, and Mindy Synan of Altamonte Springs.

The best man was Sam Sinns of Manhattan, N.Y. Charles Moran of Maitland, Fla. was the ring bearer. Ushers were Gregory Kanevski of Mansfield, Matthew Moran of Altamonte Springs, and Ken Konig of Orlando.

The couple honeymooned in Bora Bora, French Polynesia. They live in Orlando, where the bride is a marketing manager at Walt Disney World Resort and the groom is the president of Airwave Communications.

Rounseville-Kleven

Ann Elizabeth Kleven, daughter of Margaret Melia Kleven of Charlestown, formerly of Chadwick Circle, and the late Robert Kleven, and John Peter Rounseville, son of Nancy Nicklas and U. S. Rounseville, both of Quincy, were married at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, Chestnut Hill.



John and Ann Rounseville

The bride is a graduate of Deerfield Academy, Boston College and Simmons Graduate School of Social Work. She is a clinical social worker at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

The groom, formerly of Weymouth, is a graduate of Noble and Grenough, Georgetown University and is currently attending the Carroll School at Boston College. He is Strategic Account Manager at CSX Lines.

The wedding reception was held at the World Trade Center in Boston.

Following a wedding trip to Nantucket Island, the couple live in Charlestown.

Ramsey-Thompson

Kristen M. Thompson and Lucius T. Ramsey were married July 20 at Wingaersheek Beach, Gloucester. The Rev. Edward Lynn of Harvard Divinity School officiated.

Kristen and Lucius Ramsey

The bride is the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Thompson of Falmouth and Boston.

The groom is the son of Bruce and Barbara Ramsey of Hamilton.

The bride is a graduate of Andover High School, received a bachelor's degree from the University of Mass. in Lowell and a master's degree from the Mass. College of Art. She is currently employed as a teacher.

The groom is a graduate of Hamilton/Wenham Regional High School, received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of New Hampshire. He is a location manager in the film industry.

After a honeymooned in St. Barts, the couple live in Cambridge.

Chelsom-McCracken

Lindsay McCracken and Peter Chelsom were married on Saturday, April 27. The ceremony was at the Ramirez Canyon Estate in Malibu, Calif. A garden reception followed.

Peter and Lindsay Chelsom

The bride is the daughter of Cynthia Ross of Andover and David McCracken of Nashua, N.H. She is a 1989 graduate of Andover High School and received her bachelor of science degree at the University of New Hampshire Whittemore School of Business.

The groom graduated from the Central School of Drama and The Royal Shakespeare Co. in the United Kingdom.

The bride is a fashion stylist and a costumer for films.

The groom is a film director.

After a honeymoon in Santa Barbara, Wales and Italy, the couple live in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Marcotte-Caggiano

Donald and Lorraine Caggiano of Andover announce the engagement of their son, Eric Phillip Caggiano to Danielle Diane Marcotte, daughter of Rosaire and Rochelle Marcotte of Attleboro.

Eric Caggiano and Danielle Marcotte

Mr. Caggiano graduated from Austin Prep High School and Ms. Marcotte graduated from Attleboro High School. They were both national honor society recipients.

Ms. Marcotte and Mr. Caggiano are graduates of Saint Joseph's College in Standish, Maine. Ms. Marcotte also received a master's degree in social work from Boston University and is employed as a counselor in Wakefield. Mr. Caggiano is employed as a communication consultant and computer specialist at Action Glass Company in Wilmington.

The couple plan a March wedding.

Allard-Brunelle

Nicole M. Brunelle of Andover and Paul G. Allard of Haverhill, formerly of Andover, were married at The Castleton, where Minister Ronald Hindelang officiated.

Nicole and Paul Allard

The bride is the daughter of Ms. Michelle P. Corey of Andover. She is a graduate of Andover High School and received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice/legal studies from the University of Mass. in Lowell. She is currently a self-employed paralegal.

The groom is the son of Lynne and Richard Allard of Hampton, N.H. He is a graduate of Andover High School and received a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Massachusetts Lowell. He is in pharmaceutical sales.

The couple honeymooned in Aruba and live in Haverhill.

Munro-Amstutz

Elizabeth Jane Amstutz and Neil Grant Munro were married Oct. 18 at West Parish Church where Rev. Mark Welch officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Stanford and Carolyn Amstutz of Andover. She is a graduate of Phillips Academy, Hamilton College and New York University. She is a vice president at J. P. Morgan Chase in London, England.

Elizabeth and Neil Munro

The groom is the son of Joan Munro of Barrhead, Scotland and Roderick Munro of Seillans, France. He is a graduate of Barrhead High School in Scotland and Strathclyde University. He is an officer at Societe Generale Bank in London, England

The couple took a short trip to Florida and will honeymoon in New Zealand in February.

The couple live Greenwich, England.

Cote-Kossmann

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Cote of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Walker, to Kurt Arthur Kossmann.

Sarah Cote and Kurt Kossmann

Mr. Kossmann is the son of Arthur and Jane Kossmann of Scituate.

Ms. Cote graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover and is currently the co-owner of Goldcoast Parasail Corp., a watersport business on Cape Cod and the Islands.

Mr. Kossmann graduated from Scituate High School and Boston College, where he received a degree in business from the School of Management. In 1993 he founded Goldcoast Parasail Corp., the business he now owns with his fiancee.

The couple plan a February wedding in Jamaica.

Guckenburg-Witham

Sarah F. Witham and Alex J. Guckenburg were married Sept. 21 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Meredith, N.H. The bride is the daughter of Tom and Sue Witham of Andover.

Sarah and Alex Guckenburg

The groom is the son of Mary Hillery Guckenburg and Gregory Guckenburg of Arrowsic, Maine.

Matron of honor was Melissa Letch Maloney, formerly of Andover, and the best man was Keith Usher, of Hawaii.

The bride graduated from Wheaton College and is currently employed by Join Together, an affiliate of the Boston University School of Public Health, where she is also pursuing a master's degree.

The groom is also a graduate of Wheaton College, and is currently employed by John Hancock Funds in Boston.

Following their reception at the Chase House in Meredith, N.H., the couple left for their honeymoon in Bermuda.

They live in Cambridge.

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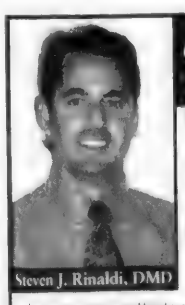
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Education

School-improvement councils want principals to set school budgets

By Ben Hellman

Middle-school parents, teachers and principals met with the School Committee to discuss plans for improvement earlier this month.

A reaffirmation of middle-school values, a message about disproportionate financial cuts, and a request to put the schools' budgets into the hands of the principals was the bulk of what they had to deliver.

Middle-school improvement councils would like to see the principals given a dollar figure and put in charge of the schools' budgets.

"They're more intimately involved with what's going on in the schools," said parent Carol Baffi-Dugan.

Baffi-Dugan says that the middle-school principals have worked as a "triumvirate" this year and the councils feel that they would work together and with the middle-school communities to make the best use of budget dollars.

Committee member Gerry Gustus was careful to respond this week when asked about the principals controlling their own budgets.

Gustus said that he supported the principle of principals controlling their budgets, but – "through the administration" and "within the confines of what the budget allows us."

Gustus also responded to data that the councils submitted, showing that middle schools absorbed the majority of full-time position cuts after the tax override failed at the ballot box June 11.

According to the councils' report, middle schools lost 18.5 teaching positions, which was 53 percent of all positions cut in the district. Elementary schools and the high school each lost less than nine full-time positions.

"I'm not sure that 20 percent (at one grade level) is the same as 30 percent (at another)," said Gustus. "All three levels addressed cuts," he said.

Committee chairwoman Tina Girdwood asked the councils to respond to the reasoning that the junior high school model is cheaper – and therefore better – than middle schools.

"For the sake of the community (understanding), I was really just trying to draw them out," said Girdwood.

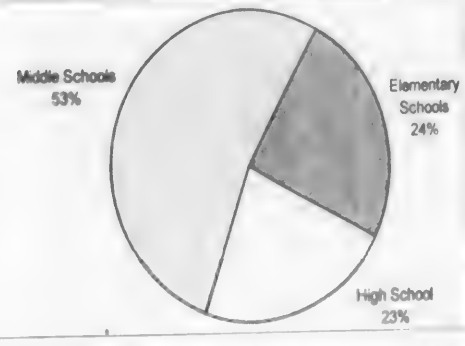
Girdwood said she came away with an understanding of how committed the principals and parents were to having middle schools rather than junior high schools.

A difference between the middle-school model and the junior-high model is team-teaching. Instead of attending classes with teachers working on their own, team-teaching teams teachers with a group of students. This allows the teachers to get to know the students and "to provide (the students) a nurturing environment," according to the councils' report.

Baffi-Dugan said that the councils explained the middle-school concept to "reaffirm things that are sacrosanct."

By FTE

Grade	FTE Cuts
High	8.5
Middle	18.5
Elementary	8.0
Total	35.0



Middle school improvement councils told the School Committee that they bore the brunt of Full Time Employee (FTE) cuts in teaching positions this year, according to their chart and pie graph.

Preschool screening scheduled for Jan. 16

The Andover Public Schools will conduct a screening for preschool children in the community who are 3 and 4 years old. The screening is completely voluntary and available to parents who have a concern about their child's development. Screening is conducted by members of the special education staff and provides information about a child's functioning in the areas of speech and language ability, fine and gross motor skills and overall cognitive growth. Screening results help to indicate whether more specific information or evaluation in a particular area of development is needed.

The screening will take place Jan. 16, at Shawsheen School, 18 Magnolia Ave., by appointment only. Call the pupil personnel office at 978-623-8540 by Friday, Jan. 3 to schedule an appointment.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Jan. 2-3, and the following week, Jan. 6-10:

Elementary schools

Thursday, Jan. 2: Meat-filled raviolis, french toast with sausage, slice of pizza, potato puffs, peaches and milk.

Friday, Jan. 3: Toasted cheese sandwich with soup, baked chicken nuggets, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, carrots, pears and milk.

Monday, Jan. 6: Baked meatloaf with gravy, hot dog on roll, pizza stick with soft pretzel, mashed potato, blueberries and milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 7: Two taco Tuesday, nachos with cheese sauce, pancakes with sliced ham, peas, fruit and milk. Lucky tag day.

Wednesday, Jan. 8: Fish and chips, krispy tenders, pizza ring with sauce, french fries, apple crisp, milk, and chocolate cake with frosting.

Thursday, Jan. 9: Spaghetti and meatballs, french toast with sausage, slice of pizza, green beans, apple and milk.

Friday, Jan. 10: Hot turkey sandwich with fries, baked chicken nuggets, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, peas, orange and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Thursday, Jan. 2: Meat-filled raviolis, chicken McSchool, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, potato puffs, peaches and milk.

Friday, Jan. 3: Two toasted cheese sandwiches with chips, stuffed crust pizza, baked chicken nuggets, carrots, pears and milk.

Monday, Jan. 6: Baked meatloaf with gravy, pizza stick with two soft pretzels, two hot dogs on a roll, mashed potato, blueberries and milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 7: Two taco Tuesday, stuffed crust pizza, nachos with cheese sauce, peas, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 8: Fish and chips, bakery pizza, krispy tenders, french fries, apple crisp, milk, and chocolate cake with frosting.

Thursday, Jan. 9: Spaghetti and meatballs, chicken McSchool, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, green beans, apple and milk.

Friday, Jan. 10: Hot turkey sandwich with fries, stuffed crust pizza; baked chicken nuggets, peas, orange and milk.

Secondary schools

Thursday, Jan. 2: Meat-filled raviolis, bakery pizza, American chop suey, fruit, veggies and milk.

Friday, Jan. 3: Two toasted cheese sandwiches, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti and meatballs, fruit, veggies and milk.

Monday, Jan. 6: Baked meatloaf with gravy, stuffed crust pizza, chicken, broccoli and ziti, fruit, veggies and milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 7: Two taco Tuesday, bakery pizza, rotini with meat sauce, fruit, veggies and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 8: Fish and chips, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti alio olio, fruit, veggies, milk and chocolate cake with frosting.

Thursday, Jan. 9: Spaghetti and meatballs, bakery pizza, American chop suey, fruit, veggies and milk.

Friday, Jan. 10: Hot turkey sandwich with fries, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti and meatballs, fruit, veggie and milk.

Menus subject to change. Lunch prices are: Elementary student $1.50; adult $2.25. Secondary student $1.75 or $2.50; adult $2.50 or $3.25.

Questions? Call Karen Pappa at 978-623-8623.

WEST WING

Jim Parks from Wing-Masters came to visit the fourth grade at West Elementary. His enrichment program allowed the students to see how birds of prey played an important role in their study of Ancient Egyptians and Greek cultures.

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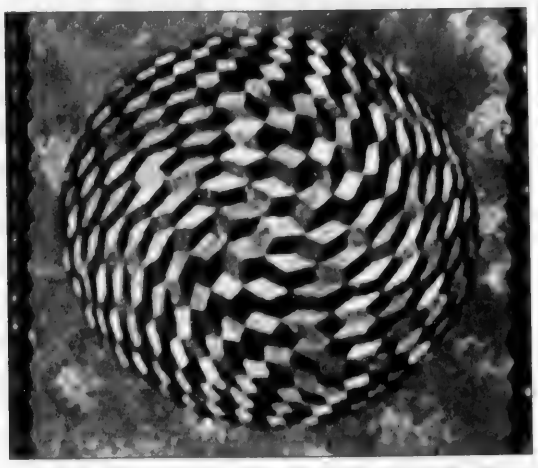

"Twist of Fate" (above), "Stumbling Blocks," and "Tumbling Texas Two Step" are among the 18 winning quilts in the Museum of the American Quilters Society year 2002 Tumbling Block-themed "New Quilts from an Old Favorite" exhibit at the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell. The exhibit dates are Jan. 23 through March 22; hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday; and also Sundays noon to 4 p.m. (May through December). Admission is $5 for adults, $4 for students/senior citizens; museum members are admitted free. Handicapped parking is available.

Thursday, December 26

No scheduled events.

Friday, December 27

Live comedy, John David, Ben Boime, EJ Murphy, $12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088

Workshop, arts and crafts, free, 10 a.m., Marland Place, must call to confirm: 978-475-4225.

Saturday, December 28

Reunion, Andover High School Class of 1997, 7 p.m. to midnight, One Mill St., Lawrence, for tickets call: Brian 978-475-9290

Live comedy, John David, Ben Boime, EJ Murphy, $12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Sunday, December 29

No scheduled events.

Monday, December 30

Sing-a-long, spiritual sing-a-long, free, 2:30 p.m., Marland Place, call to confirm: 978-475-4225

Tuesday, December 31

Exercise class, young at heart exercise class, free, 10:30 a.m., Marland Place, call to confirm: 978-475-4225.

New Years Festival and Parade, sponsored by Groundwork Lawrence in collaboration with Essex Art Center, Lawrence Heritage State Park and Robert Frost Foundation, free, open to public, 2-4 p.m., lantern-making, bring a plastic soda bottle to make your own lantern, Essex Art Center, 56 Island St.; 4:15 p.m., Lantern Parade, begins at the Essex Art Center, and proceeds along Canal Street to the Heritage State Park; 5 p.m., refreshments and children's storytelling with Mayor Michael J. Sullivan, Lawrence Heritage State Park, Jackson Street; 5:30 p.m. lantern raffle Lawrence Heritage State Park; enter to win a special lantern created for the event by local artists, 6 p.m., poetry reading with the Robert Frost Foundation; Groundwork 978-974-0770.

Wednesday, January 1

No scheduled events.

Thursday, January 2

No scheduled events.

Friday, January 3

Live comedy, Robbie Printz, Jesse Gersten, Lance Buchanan, $12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live music, acoustic blues trio Bluescasters, $6, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets: 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Saturday, January 4

Live music, vocalist Jimmy Scott, $30, 8 p.m., Stoneham Theater, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200

Live comedy, Robbie Printz, Jesse Gersten, Lance Buchanan., $12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Forum, Northern Essex Community College's Center for Business and Industry sponsors its annual Federal and Massachusetts State Tax Forum for Massachusetts and New Hampshire certified public accountants, Jan. 4 and 11, $95 covers both sessions, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., conference area of the Bentley Library, Haverhill campus; registration 978-556-3700, information 978-556-3811.

Live music, fiddler and guitarist Joyce Andersen, $8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets: 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Sunday, January 5

Live music, Gospel singers the Bullock Brothers concert, free, 9 a.m.

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Holiday tradition continues with BallardVale tree lighting

By Judy Wakefield

SURE, ANDOVER HAS THAT BIG Christmas tree at Brickstone Square, but in the BallardVale section of town, it's a smaller tree getting noticed.

It's a 6-foot-7 fir dressed in white lights and topped with a star that kicked off the holiday season for many residents in that part of town.

"We can easily be called Andover's 'smallest tree' but as the white lights flashed on, it was an impressive sight," said Diane Derby of the BallardVale Historic Commission, which hosted the tree lighting on Dec. 8.

The tree is located on BallardVale green and this marked the second year that neighbors got together for the event.

Selectman Brian Major led the candlelit carols while Richard Bowen, an original member of the BallardVale Historical District Commission, served as master of ceremonies. He attended with his wife, Lucy. The Bowens have decorated the BallardVale green with lights for the past several years and also tend to green flowers in the springtime.

Derby said the timing was perfect as there was snow on the ground and the neighborhood kids had fun playing in it.

The BallardVale tree is decorated with lots of white lights.

▲ Rachel Major, daughter of Andover Selectman Brian and Margaret Major, clearly had fun at the tree lighting. Among those having fun in the snow is Abigail Huntress, who puts the finishing touches on a snowman. ▼

◀ A strong breeze made it difficult, but eventually the candles were lit and carolers could read their sheet music at the BallardVale tree lighting. Selectman Brian Major, left, stepped in to lead the song-singing.

Piebald doesn't disappoint its energetic faithful at Old Town Hall performance

By Kyra Auffermann
WHAT'S UP intern

"I don't think I've ever rocked out that much," raved Amanda Wang, an Andover High School junior, after Piebald's much anticipated return to the Old Town Hall stage last Saturday. The audience, a much more punk-infused demographic than the usual Andover concert crowd, seemed to agree. Pete Zetlan, who attended Andover High with some of the band members, described their concerts as "energetic," adding that, "people say they're fun – they put on a good show."

Band members Travis Shettel, Aaron Stewart, Andrew Bonner are all AHS alums, with the exception of only Lucian Garro.

Last Saturday's performance was met with eager enthusiasm, with lines forming at 6 p.m. to buy tickets, two hours before the doors were scheduled to open, and by 7:30 a dense crowd had congregated outside OTH in the 40-degree weather.

"They're very, very good – last year's show was amazing," commented John Formichella, a sophomore at Andover High, just before the show had started.

Backstage before the show, family of some band members made their way to the balcony ("My mom's great, she comes to all our local shows," says Aaron Stewart of the band). Meanwhile, the growing crowd out on the floor was humming with excitement, especially when band members mingled among the fans. During the course of a brief interview, Stewart was interrupted by a fan, asking him to autograph one of the group's T-shirt (he happily obliged).

The concert was pulsating with energy, more so than the usually mellow performances at OTH.

"Everyone likes to dance at Piebald shows," commented AHS senior Andrew Nardone. A mosh pit was formed in front of the stage, and the scene was later described by a participant as "crazy."

At one point during the show, a scuffle broke out between two members of the audience – at which point Piebald stopped playing and essentially told those involved to cut it out.

"It happens at shows. People get caught up in all the contact. I think they handled it well," says former AHS student Chris Craig-Comin.

Wang described the ambiance of the experience as "energetic – in a good way," saying, "The crowd seemed unified. There was this atmosphere of good feelings."

The opening act, Apollo Sunshine, consisting of Jesse Gallagher, Sam Cohen and Jeremy Black was also a huge success.

"Apollo Sunshine was really great," says Craig-Comin, and before the show Ruby Nives, had never seen Piebald before, attested to be "a really big fan of Apollo Sunshine."

The group, which has been together for a little more than a year, has its first album, *Katonah*, due out in March. The title comes from a small town in New York where they renovated a barn to serve as a studio, and lived there during the summer while recording.

Gallagher, who is an Andover High graduate, is very familiar with Saturday's venue – he once played at OTH on a weekly basis with his old band, the Nub-Tones, who originated the tradition of Andover Youth Services shows. The program has now expanded to include performances by many more current AHS bands, such as Grimis and Stella Luna, and annual events such as spring's Java Jam.

"[The music business] is great," says Gallagher, "I'd hope I'd never get bored with it."

Although conventional wisdom sometimes suggests that its hardest to be taken seriously in your home town, this Saturday's show demonstrated just the opposite. The bands seemed happy to be back from Los Angeles, where they currently live.

"Being home means its a holiday – and its's great to be home," said Travis Shettel, and the sentiment of the audience was summed up by AHS junior Mark Brickman when he eloquently declared, "Rock on!"

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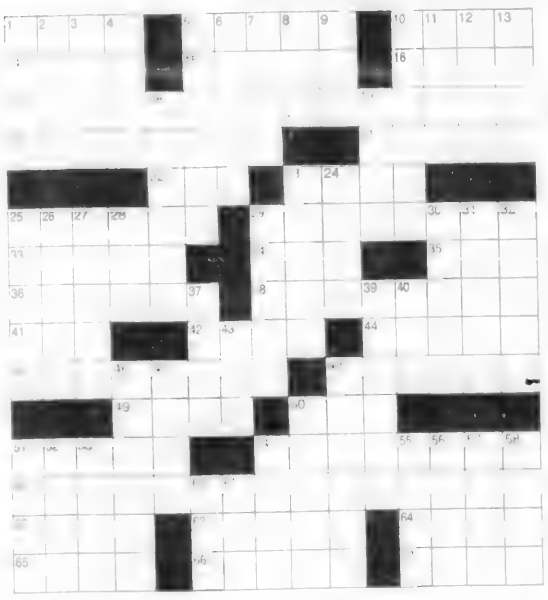

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21. Sweeps
22. European fishes
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29. Times of day
33. Laid-back California county
34. Lyric poem
35. Rotating disk
36. Rubber or pencil
38. Womanize
41. Horny projecting jaws of a bird
42. Abba __, Israeli politician
44. Fire iron
45. Provencal verses
48. Most unpleasant
49. Shackle
50. Irritate
51. National capital of Ghana
54. Unshod
59. Western drink
62. Surrounded by
63. Pillars
64. Subject
65. Sheaf
66. Fightings
67. Tyrant

CLUES DOWN

1. Rear
2. Min
3. Gnawing animal
4. Requests
5. IV
6. Conclude
7. Mind (Greek)
8. Measuring unit
9. Sign language
10. Hunting expedition
11. Indian Seaport
12. Romantic interlude
13. Drawstrings
18. ____ O'Neill, playwright
19. Narrow ridges (Swedish)
23. Geographic region
24. Digits
25. After prayers
26. Pressure unit
27. Saddle horses
28. Female sibling
29. Soul and calypso songs
30. Garget
31. Overhang
32. Forward
37. Gambling town
39. Final climactic stage
40. Neither
43. Order
46. Denunciation
47. Asian country
48. Flows
50. Unoriginal
51. Mount
52. Molding
53. Overlay with wood
54. Morsel
55. Community
56. Paddles
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58. Hurry
60. Father
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and 10:45 a.m., Free Christian Church, 51 Elm St.

Lecture, Barbara Haber will discuss her book *From Hardtrack to Homefries: An Uncommon History of American Cooks and Meals,* free, 2 p.m., Lowell Historical Park Visitors Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; 978-970-5000, www.nps.gov/lowe.

Artist's reception, *Landscape Art Show*, free, 2-4 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets: 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Ongoing

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society, The museum and library will be closed through Jan. 2nd. 97 Main St.. Tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century. Contemporary Andover Artists Series exhibition with paintings of Christine Bobek. The Caroline Underhill Research Library and Archives is open by appointment. The Museum is open for tours Tuesday through Friday, 1-4 p.m. $5 admission; students $3. Call ahead for hours. 978-475-2236 www.andhist.org

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, $5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m.. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or www.museumofprinting.org.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St. changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, $3 adults, $1 children, $2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., $5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

American Textile History Museum, 491 Dutton St., Lowell: through March 23, *Reflections, Fashion, Dolls, and the Art of Growing Up,* a story about dolls and featuring more than 300 objects from 1810-present; collection of *Four Generations of Sasha Dolls*; photographs of *Dolls & Toys of Native America: A Journey Through Childhood*; interaction area for *Playing With Puppets*, play area for *Let's Play Dolls*; fiber and yarn samples for *About Spinning*. Story Hour through December, 2 p.m.; Dec. 28, *The Nine Crying Dolls* (a Polish tale), museum hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, and most holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; admission $6 for adults; $4 for students, seniors, and groups, free for children under 6 and museum members, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible. 978-441-0400 or www.athm.org

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John St., Lowell

New England Quilt Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-452-4207

Lawrence Heritage State Park, open daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 794-1655

Custom House Maritime Museum, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 459 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday; 978-388-0162

Peabody Essex Museum, The Real Witchcraft Papers, ongoing; The Saltonstall Family Portraits, ongoing; A Folk Art Sampler, ongoing. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., $10 adults, $8 seniors, students; free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem, Mass. 978-745-9500 <www.pem.org>

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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

Early season rock & roll for varsity teams

Boys & girls basketball, track teams; boys hockey enjoying their successes this month

By Rick Harrison

Freshman forward Matt Colby made his first varsity goal a memorable one, as his first-period tally and a 29-save shutout by Torin Traynor lifted the Andover High boys varsity hockey team to an impressive 1-0 victory over Boston Latin in recent play at the Merrimack Valley Forum.

The win, which came on the heels of a season-opening 5-4 loss to Lowell, was the first step on the Golden Warriors' road to a successful defense of their Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 championship.

Elsewhere on the AHS sports scene, the boys and girls basketball teams continued on early-season rolls and both the girls and boys track teams launched their dual-meet season with an easy triumph.

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

The 1-0 squeeze past perennial power Boston Latin was the perfect response to a season-opening 5-4 loss to Lowell.

"We did a complete turnaround," said AHS coach Bill Cullen. "In the Lowell game we took 10 penalties — and they scored the tying and winning goals on the power play. We were much more disciplined against Latin and it paid off.

"In practice between the two games we worked on our mistakes. The kids obviously paid attention because we corrected the errors and exceuted very well against Latin."

Schedule

The Golden Warriors played Wilmington earlier this week, after *Townsman* presstime, in the opening round of the annual Haverhill Christmas Tournament.

The game had some added significance for Cullen, who was head coach at Wilmington for 14 seasons before taking the Andover job. He also coached current Wilmington head and assistant coaches Steve Scanlon and Chip Bruce when they were high schoolers.

AHS next plays a regular season MV/DCL Division 2 game Saturday night against Haverhill at Veterans Rink (6 p.m.).

Andover 1
Boston Latin 0

Matt Colby, coming off a separated shoulder injury, positioned himself at the side of the net and tapped in a pass from Capt. Joe Nasta for the only goal at 9:03 of the first period.

Capt. Steve Seero, fully recovered from a recent bout with mononucleosis, drew the second assist as he intercepted a Latin clearing pass and pushed the puck down low to Nasta.

From there it was all junior goaltender Torin Traynor, stopping all 29 shots he faced including 14 in the second period.

Andover played the game without senior forwards Andrew Santos and John Limauro (ankle injury), sophomore forward John Iannelli (charleyhorse) and freshman defenseman Greg Carroll (bruised hip in practice).

Lowell 5
Andover 4

The locals had 1-0, 2-1 and 4-2 leads before the Red Raiders rallied for the MV/DCL crossover victory at the Janas Rink.

Lowell scored the tying and game-winning goals, both on the power play, in the opening four minutes of the third period.

Capt. Mike Corey gave Andover a 1-0 lead at 4:01 of the first stanza, but Lowell's Brendan Akashian (hat trick) tied it just 27 seconds later.

Junior defenseman Dennis Collins put the locals back in front at 6:57, netting his first varsity goal, but once again Akashian countered as the opening session ended it a 2-2 tie.

AHS broke the deadlock late in the second period with goals 57 seconds apart by Capt. Steve Johnson and Corey.

Ryan Doyle brought the host team back within a goal in the final minute of the second period.

The man-advantage goals by Akashian (0:32) and Doyle (3:18) in the third period enabled Lowell to pull out the comeback triumph.

Mike Lamagna passed out three asisists for Andover, while Johnson had two and single setups were credited to John Limauro, Steve Miller and Capt. Steve Seero.

Junior goaltender Torin Traynor made 26 saves for the Golden Warriors.

Limauro suffered an ankle injury and John Iannelli a charleyhorse during the game.

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Jacqui Munro pumped in two goals, while Adrienne Shea contributed a goal and three assists, as the Andover High girls varsity hockey team slipped past visiting Masconomet Regional of Topsfield, 5-4, in a recent North Cape League Division 1 game at the Phillips Academy Harrison Rink.

"It was a superb team effort," said AHS coach Bill McCarthy. "We fell behind very early (2-0) but the kids never let up."

The locals also defeated Wilmington, 6-1, in league play at PA's Smith Rink.

Schedule

Andover (2-0-1) hosted Waltham earlier this week, after Townsman presstime, and next will host St. Bernard's High of Fitchburg on Saturday (8:30). AHS also plays at Chelmsford on New Year's Day (5:10 p.m.).

Andover 6
Wilmington 1

Sophomore forward Kim Chandler scored the first two goals in the opening 10 minutes, and completed the Lady Warriors' first hat trick of the season at 12:12 of the third period.

The locals jumped ahead 3-0 after one period, Chandler netting two goals and junior defenseman Allison Abreu connecting at the 11:59 mark. Ashley Malins had the lone assist on each of the three tallies.

Wilmington notched the only goal of the second period, Erin McGee spoiling the shutout bid at 9:02.

Malins pocketed her third goal at 10:03 of the final stanza, launching a flurry that produced three quick scores in a span of 2:09.

"It was a textbook goal coming off a perfect forecheck cycle," said AHS coach Bill McCarthy. "Katie Stewart passed the puck to Kate Seero behind the net, and she dropped it in front for a quick tip-in by Malins."

The Lady Warriors continued to swarm the Wilmington end, with Adrienne Shea scoring at 11:51 before setting up Chandler's final goal 21 seconds later (12:12).

Jacqui Munro helped set up the last two goals and freshman Maria Nasta added an assist.

Junior Dolly Beechinor played the first 39 minutes in the Andover net and sophomore Elissa Slovin worked the final six.

Andover 5
Masconomet Regional 4

The locals fell behind 2-0 quickly, as Masco scored a pair of goals 20 seconds apart in the first three minutes.

AHS battled back to tie it 2-2 by the end of the period, Capt. Katie Stewart connecting just 32 seconds after the second Chieftains' goal and Jacqui Munro pocketing the equalizer at 11:50.

Masco regained the lead with a power play tally early in the middle session, but AHS freshman defenseman Liz Roda countered with her first varsity goal less than three minutes later.

Roda, looking like Roberta Orr, made a rink-length rush before snapping off a wrist shot to tie the game.

Munro gave Andover its first lead with just over a minute left in the period, and Adrienne Shea knocked in the eventual game-winner at 2:24 of the third period for a 5-3 advantage.

Masco pulled its goaltender in the final minute but was unable to mount any pressure.

Shea also passed out three assists while freshman forward Samantha Weinberg had two assists.

Kim Chandler, Allison Abreu and Munro collected one assist each.

"The kids did a tremendous job and should be proud of the come back and their sustained effort," said coach McCarthy. "Shea and Munro played very well and Ashley Malins, although she didn't figure in the scoring, was very tenacious on the attack

"Our forwards cycled the puck down low to perfection — and that led to most of our goals."

Netminder Dolly Beechinor made 14 saves as AHS finished with a 26-18 shooting edge.

Ashley McLaughlin has her eyes on the hoop for the Lady Warriors against Central Catholic last week.

INDOOR TRACK

Merrimack Valley Conference inter-division opponent Dracut proved no match for the depth and power of the Andover High indoor track teams, as both the Warrior girls and boys rolled to lopsided season-opening dual-meet victories at the AHS Field House.

The girls punished Dracut, 76-10, and the boys were equally dominant with a 70-12 triumph.

Schedule

Both Andover teams return to the oval tomorrow morning when they host crossover rival Billerica (10 a.m.), and next Monday morning the Lady Warriors travel to Methuen to face the host Rangers and Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro.

Andover girls 76
Dracut 10

The locals placed first in nine of 10 events and swept the top three spots in the 50 hurdles, 300 dash, 600, 1000, two-mile and high jump.

Alison Kerivan scored in two events, winning the 50 hurdles race (8.1) and placing second in the high jump (4'6")

Other individual winners on the track were sophomore sprinter Jenny Dlesk (50 dash, 6.4), junior Amanda Carlson (300 dash, 42.1), Capt. Stephanie Casper (600 run, 1:35.6), Amanda Buchhelz (1000 run, 3:08.2), miler Michelle Pirro (5:55.2) and junior two-miler Jazzy Dingler (13:18.4).

Sophomore guard Jackie Powers (right) combined with Ashley McLaughlin for 33 points in last Friday's 56-31 Merrimack Valley Conference win over crossover rival Lawrence High.

Becca Fink was tops in the high jump (4'6") and the 4x400 relay quartet of junior Emily Farmer, Capt. Carolyn Berberian, Kristen Nigh and Maggie Putnam broke the tape in 5:01.5

"Jenny Dlesk was our 'Most Valuable Performer' (MVP) of the meet, and the times by Carlson, Casper and Pirro were excellent for this early in the season," said AHS head coach Arthur Iworsley

Other Andover runners-up were Capts. Ashley Faulk (300 dash, 42.8) and Bristol Konjoian (mile, 6:16.5), along with sophomores Myrian Alexander-Kearn (hurdles, 8.3), Emily Korba (600 run, 1:41.1), Leslie Willey (1000 run, 3:10.1), two-miler Roopa Chari (13:26.0) and shot putter Felicia Thompson (27'5 1/2").

Completing sweeps were hurdler Monica Ortiz (9.0), freshman Brittany Pierce (300 dash, 43.8), junior Emily Gentile (600 run, 1:44.7), Amy Palmieri (1000 run, 3:11.1), junior two-miler Lindsay Dodge (14:14.2) and sophomore high jumper Corinne Walsh (4'4").

Also placing third was freshman sprinter Caroline Pierce (50 dash, 6.8).

Andover boys 70
Dracut 12

The AHS boys were first in nine of 10 events — everything except the shot put — and swept the 300 dash, 600 run, 1000, mile and high jump.

Junior Ryan Durkin, the AHS Most Valuable Performer (MVP) of the meet, won the two-mile in a solid time of 10:12.2 and anchored the victorious 4x400 relay.

Joining Durkin on the relay were Tim Dugan, Matt Hill and Guy Mancini.

"We had several other impressive times," said coach Iworsley, "including winners Vin Errico in the hurdles (6.9), Phil Shaw in the mile (4:46.8) and Robert Kaufman in the 300 dash (35.8). Not bad for an opening meet."

The coaches were also pleased with the second and third place times in the 300, junior Bruce Hillman's 36.1 (won second heat) and junior Anthony Perry's 37.0.

Other victories for the locals were by freshman sprinter Jason Sheldon (50 dash, 5.8), Capt. Taylor Hender (600 run, 1:26.2), junior Jeff Sawyer (1000 run, 2:35.0) and high jumper Dan Calderon (5'5").

Junior Tyler Hopkins finished second in the 50 dash (5.8) and third in the high jump

Joining Hillman and Hopkins as runners-up were sophomore Matt Malloy (600 run, 1:26.3), sophomore James Primes (1000 run, 2:38.4), junior miler Brad Sherman (5:14.9), junior high jumper Anthony Camilo and sophomore shot putter Mike Gustin (37'9 1/4").

Completing sweeps were Garrett Raynor (600 run, 1:33.2), junior Mark Radlinski (1000 run, 2:51.3) and junior miler Pat Twomey (5:15.3).

Other thirds went to sophomore hurdler Chris Cole (7.5), sophomore two-miler Jimmy Muller (11:04.9) and sophomore shot putter Mike Cerchione (37'5 1/2").

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Outstanding all-around performances by Ashley McLaughlin and sophomore guard Jackie Powers, who combined for 33 points, powered the visiting Andover High girls basketball team to a recent 56-31 Merrimack Valley Conference win over crossover rival Lawrence High.

The Andover girls have now won 19 straight MVC games since a 54-53 loss to Central Catholic on Feb. 5, 2001.

They are also 44-1 in conference games since the beginning of the 1999-'00 season.

A-Mac to Holy Cross

Lady Warriors' standout six-foot junior forward Ashley McLaughlin has made a verbal commitment to attend Holy Cross in the fall of 2004.

McLaughlin will play basketball for the Lady Crusaders who have put together an impressive string of 20-win, tournament qualifying seasons over the past decade.

Schedule

AHS opens defense of its Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament championship tonight with a semifinal round game at Methuen High against the host Rangers (7:30).

Andover 56
Lawrence 31

Playing an almost flawless first half, the Lady Warriors rolled out to a prohibitive 39-8 lead before trading baskets with the Lancers after the break

"We ran the court well on the fast break and did a good job with pur layups," said AHS coach Jim Tildsley. "We shot much better overall which we needed to boost our confidence.

"We played great defense again for the third straight game.

"Ashley (McLaughlin) was immense and Jackie Powers came

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

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McLaughlin, who shares the team [illegible] with Jamie Mueller after three [illegible] 10 points each, pumped in a game [illegible] with 12 rebounds, five steals [illegible] blocked shots.

Powers [illegible] with 16 points, four [illegible] and four [illegible].

Mary Fish contributed eight points and [illegible] and Muller had six points, 10 [illegible] and four steals.

Samantha Hughes [illegible] four [illegible], five boards and two assists. Kerri O'Dea and Liz Pallotta had a basket each and Meagan Merinder converted a free throw.

Pallotta also had five rebounds and one [illegible] while [illegible] center Colleen Haugh [illegible].

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Golden Warriors continued to make [illegible] 48 [illegible] St. John's Prep of Danvers and [illegible] Greater [illegible] Central [illegible] North Andover.

[illegible] AHS to 3-0 [illegible] Lawrence earlier this [illegible] possible.

Andover 62
St. John's Prep 48

Relying on a team effort that saw all 11 players get involved, the locals shot well at the free throw line, played rugged man-to-man defense and outrebounded the bigger but slower Eagles on the way to the impressive victory at the Dunn Gym.

The interesting first half saw the Golden Warriors move out to an 11-point lead (23-12), fall behind by one after a 12-0 SJP run, and then bounce back with a 6-0 burst of their own to close out the half.

Andover kept the lead throughout the second half thanks immeasurably to their tenacious defense.

Rebounding, which is all about positioning and desire rather than size, also allowed the winners to create numerous fast-break opportunities.

The Barrett Brothers led four Andover players into double figures. Kevin with a game-high 17 points and Jack right behind with 15.

Chris Vetrano weathered a rare off-night shooting, compensating for that difficulty with a fine all-around floor game while still contributing 11 points.

Freshman forward Bob Hughes netted 10 points, Tyler Richards four, Drew Watts three and Manny Venuti two.

Watts and Hughes were strong off the boards and Vetrano passed out eight assists.

AHS outscored the Eagles 22-16 from the free throw line with Jack Barrett's perfect 8-for-8 leading the way.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Coach Mark Taffe's squad (2-0) returns to MVC competition Jan. 3 against Central Catholic at the Lowell High pool (5:30 p.m.).

On Jan. 7 the locals host perennial conference champ Chelmsford High at the Greater Lawrence Vo-Tech pool (3:30).

Omission: In a recent *Townsman* issue, Andover High football player Jason Shoemaker's name was inadvertently omitted from the published list of Golden Warrior players named to the 2002 Merrimack Valley All-Conference Team. The 6-foot, 214-pound junior guard-defensive end earned honorable mention.

Casper named to field hockey's NE Regional Team

Andover High field hockey standout Stephanie Casper has been named to the prestigious 2002 Dynamic Team Sports/National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-Northeast Region Team.

Casper, a four-year player for the Lady Warriors, had eight goals and 15 assists this fall to finish her AHS career with 53 points on 18 goals and a school-record 35 assists.

Casper, who will attend Northeastern University next year to play field hockey, was also voted Merrimack Valley Conference MVP and is an All-Scholastic selection.

The AHS midfielder and team captain was one of 16 players chosen to the Regional team, which included six Massachusetts athletes and 10 others from New Hampshire and Maine.

Andover registered a 30-4-5 won-lost-tied record the past two years with Casper leading the way.

Football stars honored at Warriors' 2002 banquet

The Andover High football team held its 2002 banquet recently at The Wyndam.

Numerous awards were presented by the coaches, including the Richard J. Collins Team MVP to Nick Stamas, and announced as captains for the 2003 season were Dennis Collins, Ben Newman and Phil Perkins.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Richard J. Collins MVP Award
Nick Stamas
William Walsh Outstanding Lineman Award
Russell Stevens
Outstanding Defensive Player
Jordan Thibault
Richard Bourdelais Outstanding End Award
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Pardeep Thandi
MVC Awards
All-Conference: Nick Stamas, Russell Stevens. **All-Star:** Buddy Farnham. **Honorable Mention:** Jason White, Jordan Thibault, Phil Perkins, Dennis Collins, Matt Hennessy, Ben Newman, Jason Shoemaker.
Game Footballs
Nathan Weich (Dracut), John Fox (Exeter), Ryan Donahue (Billerica).
2003 Captains
Dennis Collins, Ben Newman, Phil Perkins.
Senior Letters and Jersies
Matt Viscuse, Shawn Marlow, Alex Lau, Joe Robichaud, Nick Stamas, Mike Alvarez, Dane Kady, Ed Roberts, Greg Hartwell, Jordan Thibault, Jason White, Andre Perron, Mike Petrillo, Ryan Donoghue, Brendan Day, Russell Stevens

ANDOVER CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

[illegible]

SENIOR GIRLS
WEEK 2
St. Augustine B 40
St. Augustine A 18
[illegible]

South Church 16
St. Robert's 14
[illegible]

WEEK 1
St. Robert's 22
St. Augustine C 12
[illegible]

South Church 36
St. Augustine A 13
[illegible]

SENIOR BOYS
WEEK 2
West Parish 48
St. Augustine F 19
[illegible]

[illegible] and David Esp[illegible] also pocketed [illegible] Stephen Ochs had 4 [illegible]

St. Augustine E 24
St. Augustine C 21
[illegible] registered its second straight closely-contested [illegible] points. Josh [illegible] John Maede had a basket [illegible]

St. Robert's B 36
South Church 19
[illegible] 26 points to power SRB [illegible] were Brad Butten[illegible] Conor Burke 2 and Matt Davidson 2. [illegible] Doug Hawkins and Abhishek Sopad [illegible]

St. Robert's C 29

St. Augustine A 19
The young SRC squad pulled away slowly in the second half on the way to its first win. Sam Clark and Chris Gilbert sparking the balanced charge with 9 and 8 points respectively. John Nugent flipped in 6 points. Chris Sartori 4 and Tom Banford 2.

Tyler Bedford shared game-high honors with 9 points for SAA while Tom Ladeau contributed 6, Matt Pehrson 2 and Nick Reeder 2.

St. Robert's A 30
Temple Emanuel 28
Trailing by nine at the half (17-8), Temple rallied but fell just short when the potential game-tying shot with five seconds remaining missed connections.

Sean McNiff led the winners with 13 points, including three key free throws and other top scorers were Mike McPherson with 6 points and Rob Abis 5.

Capping the winners' assault with a basket each were Chris Nisco, Mike Stephens and Evan Wynn.

Guard Jeff Pirro was game-high for Temple with 14 points, 10 in the second half, and popping in 4 points each were Eric Chu and Mike Zappala. Peter Hanson, Conor Heelan and Zack Kutchin helped keep it close with a field goal each.

St. Augustine D 43
St. Augustine B 35
The D-team shot lights out in the second half to erase a 21-16 deficit and overtake its intra-church rival. Joe Crush was the winners' leading scorer with 15 points, while Mike Tanner scored all 8 of his points and Christopher Esch had his 6 in the second half.

Dave Boudreau, Ryan Burke and Andrew Harris notched 6 points apiece and Shawn McDermott had a field goal.

Countering for SAB were Corey Richard with 14 points and Mike Pierce [illegible].

John Caveney delivered 6, Matt Cannon 2 and Matt Doherty 2.

WEEK 1
St. Augustine E 23
South Church 22
With St. Augustine trailing 22-21, Chris Long popped in an 18 footer at the buzzer to give his team the most exciting win of opening day.

Long was game-high marksman with 8 points. Josh Mack added 6, Ken Masse 4, Kevin Calabro 3 and Arjun Kannan 2.

Doug Hawkins led South with 7 points, Martin Serna had 6, Greg Moore 5 and Mark Viscuse 4.

South outscored St. Augustine 8-1 from the free throw line, but the winners held an 11-7 edge in field goals.

St. Augustine B 28
St. Robert's C 24
St. Augustine rode the coat tails of Sam Hutchins to victory over the St. Robert's C 7th grade group.

Hutchins poured through 17 points including 5-of-6 from the free throw line, while Corey Richard pocketed 5 points, Greg Pennington 4 and Matt Doherty 2.

Nine players figured in the scoring for SRC, led by Chris Gilbert with [illegible] points. Tom Banford 4 and Sam Clark 4.

Brad Burkhard, Kyle Butler and John Nugent added a field goal each. Taylor Crocker hit 2 free throws and Chris Sartori [illegible].

St. Augustine finished with a 10-9 edge in field goals and the winners also made [illegible] free throws [illegible] 12 for St. Robert's.

St. Robert's B 24
St. Augustine D 16
Brad Buitenhuys paced a well-balanced SRB attack with 6 points [illegible] the winners notched ahead [illegible] at the half and maintained the advantage the rest of the way.

Mike Summa tossed in 6 points, Matt Skinner 4, Tim Hoffman 3 and scoring field goals were added by Mike Gerace, Robert Barry and [illegible].

Joe Crush was game-high for St. Augustine with 8 points. Kevin Twomey notched 4, Mike Tanner 2 and Adam Ecker 2.

St. Robert's A 46
St. Augustine C 23
SRA rolled out to a commanding 32-10 halftime lead and then coasted to the victory.

Sean McNiff led three players into double figures with 14 points, while Rob Abis and Mike McPherson pumped through 12 each. McNiff and Abis had 10 apiece in the first half.

Evan Wynn produced 4 points, Sean Chase 2 and Bill Nolan 2 for the winners.

Youthful SAC had 6 points each from Derrick Beasley, John Cronin and Satyam Modi. Mike McDonough and Dave Serna each had a first-half field goal and Mike Sequeira converted a second-half free throw.

Temple Emanuel 46
St. Augustine F 22
Peter Hanson led nine Temple players into the scoring column with 12 points, while Zack Kutchin flipped in 7 points for a high-scoring group that played in the intermediate division last year.

Jeff Pirro had [illegible] points while JonLars [illegible], Andrew Federico, Conor Heelan, Brendan Hughes and Mike Zappala [illegible] netted 4. Eric Chu had a second-half basket.

Sean [illegible] and Josh Jacobs paced SAF with 6 points apiece. Zach Burdeau and Ryan Kemp had 4 each and Stephen Ochs 2.

Temple pounded out to a commanding [illegible] lead at the half.

West Parish 55
St. Augustine A 16
The veteran West crew showed it will be a serious contender this year as John Brody delivered a game-high 12 points while Ian Dempsey, David Espinola and Matt Punton added 8 each.

Brandon Cooney scored his 6 in the second half. Craig Massey had 4 and Chris Adams 3.

Hitting a basket each to complete the attack were Chris Burke, Mike Nickerson and Derek Schwarz.

Tyler Bedford sparked SAA with 8 points. Tom Ladeau added 4, Kevin Kobler 2 and Matt Pehrson 2.

Free skating session for residents from PA, DCS

ICE SKATING LOVERS

Continued from page 17

Sarah and Courtney on the ice from the [illegible]. The girls also brought along a friend, Michelle Gordon.

"Our girls wanted to come and I think this [illegible]," said Carol Papa. "It's just a fun [illegible]."

[illegible] at DCS said the late time [illegible] available as the rink is [illegible] busy with numerous local hockey teams, figure skating lessons and serves as [illegible] for the Andover Skating Club.

[illegible], Paul Song attended. He formerly lived in Michigan where skating [illegible] through a cold winter. He also went to last year's skate but preferred this year's smaller crowd.

"This is not as crowded and it's nice," he said.

[illegible] said it's hard to find places [illegible] around Andover so he appreciated the opportunity. He enjoys skating and said the event marked the first time he has been to the Harrison Rink which opened earlier this year.

PHOTO BY JUDY WAKEFIELD

The skating event ended with a Zamboni sweep by rink operator Jon Pistey.

"A great place," was his reaction.

Nearby, JoAnn Bendetson was saying Andover is very fortunate to have a state-of-the-art skating facility in town.

"This is just wonderful," she said. "It's a pleasure to be here. Andover residents should feel very fortunate."

Teens Kara Lanil, Samantha Monson, and Allison Doxsey, who are all in eighth grade, said the free skate beat their usual Saturday night ritual of renting a movie and hanging out a friend's house.

"It's a good idea to show people this rink," said Samantha, who is rink regular. She skates on Masconomet Regional High School's hockey team (there is no Andover league for her age group) and the team practices at the rink.

Meanwhile, Christine Curran skated slowly with her children as she hasn't skated in years. A native of Ireland who has lived in town for the past two years, she said she was taking it slow, but having a ball with her two kids, Sarah, 8, and David, 9. It was the family's first visit to the rink.

"It's so nice to have the opportunity to skate so close to home," she said.

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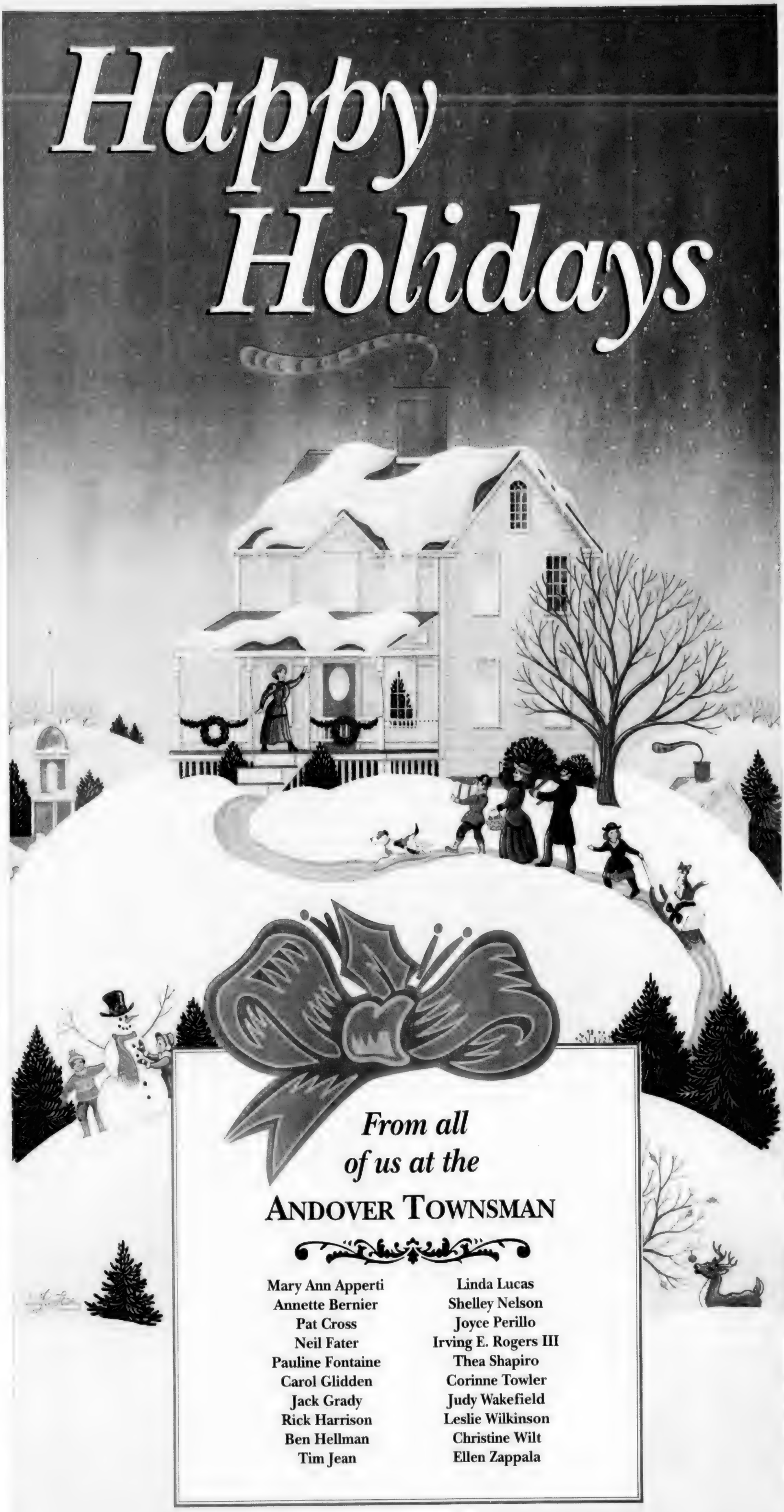

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Premises affected are located at 173 High St., Andover, MA in an SRB District as shown on Assessor's Map 19 as Lot 138.

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TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD

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THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
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January 2, 2003

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT (SEAL)

Case No. 285613

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Witness, PETER W. KILBORN, Chief Justice of said Court this 10th day of December, 2002.

Charles W. Trombly, Jr.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

Essex Division
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In the County of ESSEX

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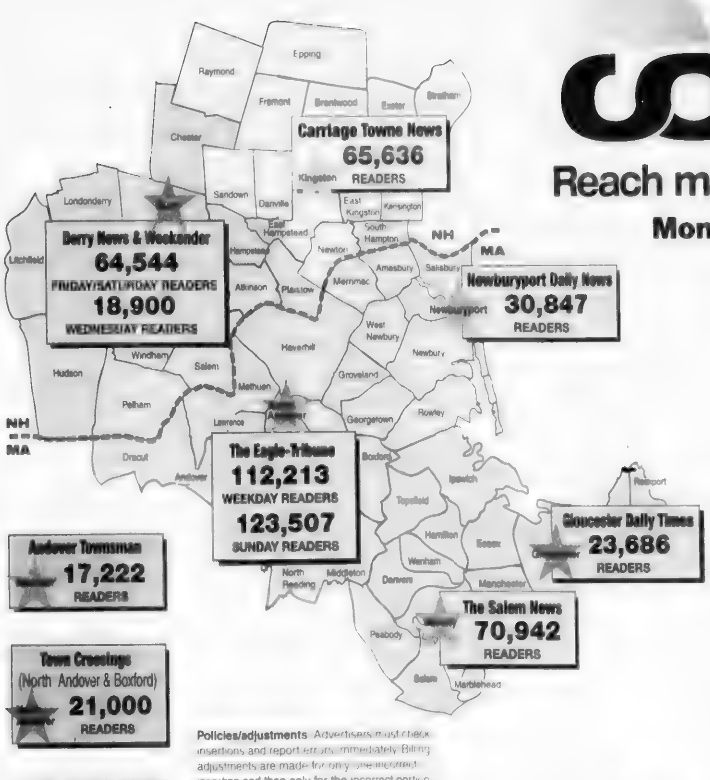

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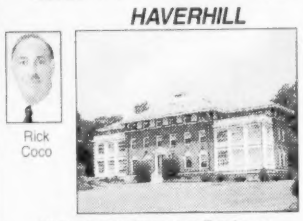

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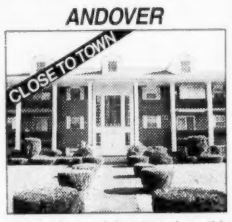

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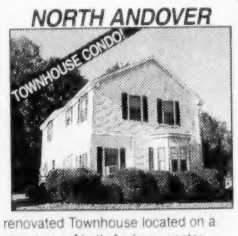

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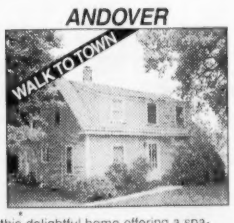

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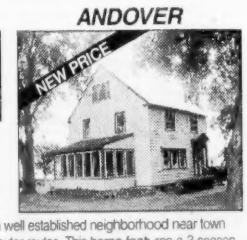

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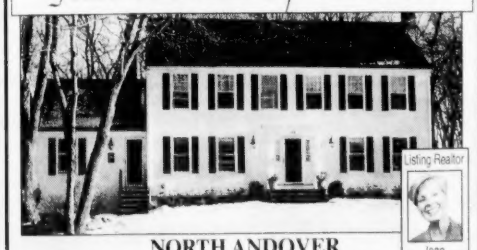

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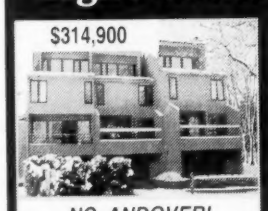
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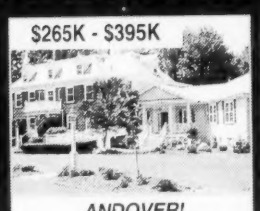
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kitchen w/breezeway to attached gar
Convenient 1st flr BR ~ 1.5 BA ~ 3 BR
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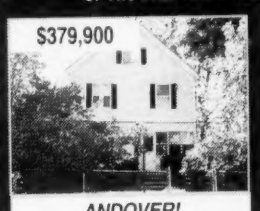
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Walk to town ~ Charming Colonial
Spacious fenced-in level back yard
first floor laundry ~ heated back porch
enclosed front porch ~ 8/4/1.5
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7 rms ~ 3/4 BR ~ Gleaming HW floors
Gourmet kitchen ~ Skylit master suite
Energy replacmnt wndws ~ Updated elec
Natrl woodwork ~ Walk to park & plygrnd
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$399,900

ANDOVER!
CHARMING 6 RM RENOV. ANTIQUE
Almost 2 acres of rolling terrain
Updtd eat-in kit ~ 1st floor laundry
BA w/maple van/whirlpool tub/shower
newer roof, replacmnt windws & more
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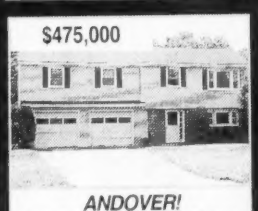
$475,000

ANDOVER!
LOCATION ~ END OF CUL-DE-SAC
10 rm ~ 5 BR ~ 2.5 updated baths
South/Doherty schools ~ Move in condition
beautifully updated kitchen ~ FP fam rm
wrap-around deck ~ in-law potential
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$429K - $488,876

VRM
ANDOVER!
BALLARDVALE VILLAGE!
Charming, 7/3/2.5 Antique home
2 staircases ~ Det brick garage/barn
Prudential Value Range Marketing #41
Seller to consider offers $429K-$488,876
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$499,000

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BEAUT UPDATED CAPE ~ CUL-DE SAC
8 rm ~ 4 BR ~ 2 full baths & 1 w/Jacuzzi
Maple floors ~ New windows ~ move in
Large deck overlooking level yard
Finished lower level playroom and laundry
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$459K - $528,876

VRM
ANDOVER!
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!
Beautiful 1.5 acre estate setting
7 rms ~ 3 BR ~ 2 BA ~ 2400 sf ~ FP
Seller to entertain offers in
VRM #42 $459,000 - $528,876
Another listing by JB Doherty x212
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$565,000

ANDOVER!
INTOWN VICTORIAN GEM
Outstanding loc ~ 3/4 acre ~ 10/5/1.5
2 staircases ~ fam rm w/sliders to deck
Deck overlooks pool and beautiful yard
Updated 200 amp elec serv ~ Newer shed
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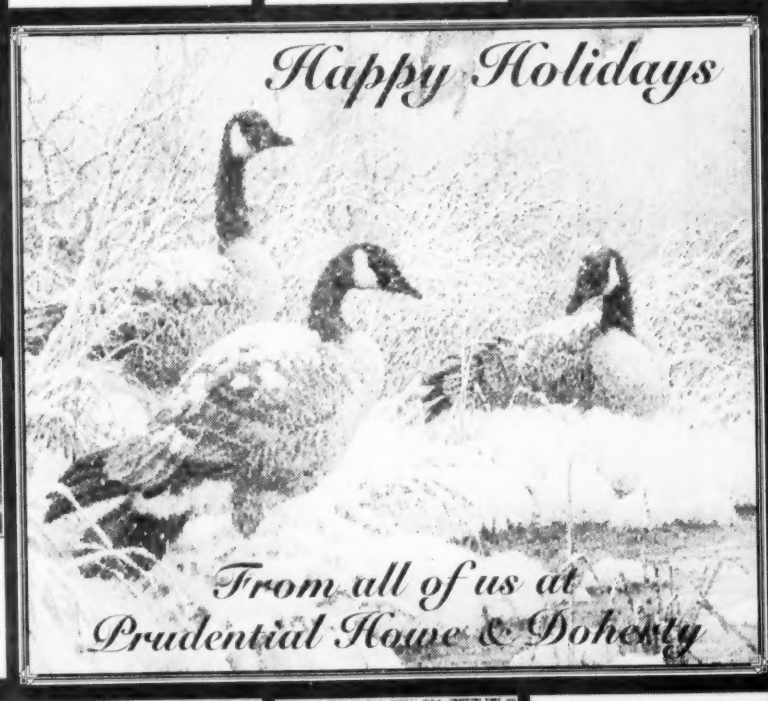

$604,900

NO. ANDOVER!
FOXWOOD ESTATES!
Beautiful level lot & flexible floor plan
8/4/3.5 ~ 2750+ sf ~ 1st flr master en suite
Kit/fam rm w/vaulted ceiling & FP ~ CAir
See the Boston skyline on a clear day!
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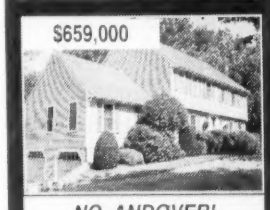
$659,000

NO. ANDOVER!
LOCATION ~ HISTORIC OLDE CTR
Cul-de-sac ~ Well appointed 9+ rm Col
4 BR ~ 3 full BA ~ 3000 sf plus LL
Perfect for entertaining ~ beau HW
1st flr office ~ 2 car gar ~ screen porch
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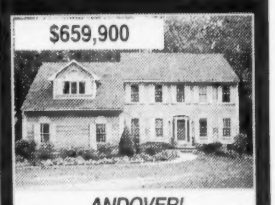
$659,900

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ABUTS AVIS LAND
Gorgeous home w/approx 3300 sf
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HW flrs ~ FP fam rm ~ Lrg marble foyer
Oak cabinet kitchen ~ End of cul-de-sac
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$664,900

NO. ANDOVER!
DESIRABLE BEAR HILL AREA
Stately brick front 11/4+/3.5 Colonial
top quality const ~ Huge center island kit
Cathedral ceiling fam rm ~ Screened porch
Office ~ Exercise rm ~ Fin LL ~ Acre lot
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$669,900

ANDOVER!
PHILLIPS ACADEMY AREA
Extraordinary custom built home
8/3/3 ~ first floor master
2x6 constr ~ Lrg deck ~ Brick walks
Gorgeous natural setting w/mature trees
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$725,000

ANDOVER!
CUSTOM BUILT TRANSITIONAL COL
9+ RM ~ 5 BR ~ 3.5 BA ~ 3400+SF
gorgeous lot and beautiful setting
Triple & double Pella Windows
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$749,900

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3 car gar ~ Master builder will customize
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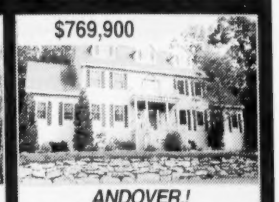
$769,900

ANDOVER,!
EXCEPT. COL ON ACRE WOODED LOT
3700+ sf ~ cul-d-sac ~ South School
2 story foyer ~ 11 rm ~ 5 BR ~ 2.5 BA
Kit w/white cabs/HW/Jennair ~ sunroom
Priv 2 rm mstr suite with beautiful tile BA
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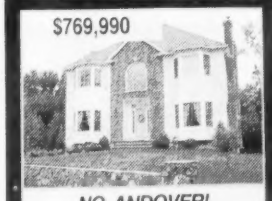
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LOVELY ABBOT VILLAGE!
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Spacious open foyer ~ HW ~ Lots of light
High ceilings ~ Corian kit & baths ~ CVac
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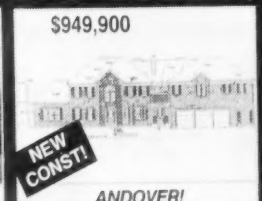
$949,900

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ANDOVER!
SOMERSET II ~ BUILT BY MESITI
Architec shingle roof / cedar clapboard
Gran kit counters ~ 9' ceilings/1st floor
His & hers walk-in closets ~ whirlpool tub
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$1,195,000

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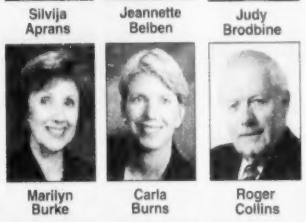
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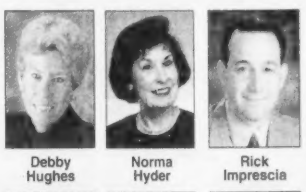
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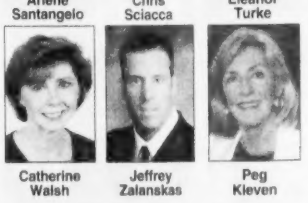
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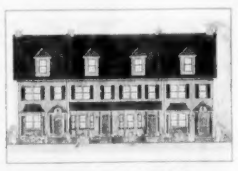
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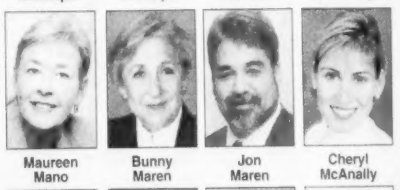
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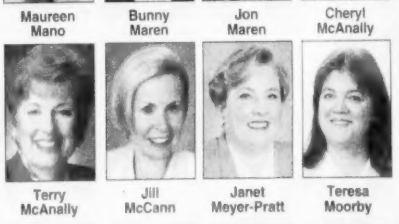
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